DR. PEER PRESCOTT JOHNSON

BEVERLY HOSPITAL

SCRAP BOOKS

I began keeping a scrapbook of newspaper clippings, etc. relating to the Beverly Hospital practically from the time I came to the hospital to work, but it was not until the anniversary of Dr. Johnson's fifty years' association with the Beverly Hospital, (and we were trying to think of something for him), that we thought of a Memoir Book.

It was then that we earnestly began some research and obtained much valuable information about the early years of the hospital. Many letters were written and we were able to locate almost all living former interns and residents, graduate nurses, and others who had been connected with Beverly Hospital. The response was more than we had hoped for. We were given autographed pictures, testimonial letters, old class pictures, old newspaper clippings, old annual reports, etc. from as far away as California. We would get a clue and follow it up to get more information.

Daniel Dulany Addision, honorary degree D.D., the first president of Beverly Hospital, died in 1936, but I visited his wife and daughter living in Brookline and was given old reports and other literature relating to the hospital which were found in Mr. Addison's desk. Misses Elizabeth and Laura Woodberry also were able to find information about the old hospital in the old papers of their father, Charles Woodberry, second president of Beverly Hospital. (Elizabeth Woodberry was a former teacher of mine).

I spent many pleasant hours with some of the older nurses, Miss Theodosia Hines and Mrs. Sara Peaslee, of the first class to graduate from Beverly Hospital in 1895, Miss Helen Ramage, Mrs. Albert Hood, Mrs. Chester

Enman, Mrs. Howard Hinman, Mrs. E. Campbell, Mrs. Kenneth Gillies are but a few of those who gave of their treasures. Miss Ramage was bed-ridden and I used to take Mrs. Peaslee to visit her. It was wonderful just to listen to their reminiscing.

We had enough material for Dr. Johnson's Memoir Book and we have a collection of nine books for the hospital and we are still collecting!

Anna E. Allen

October 1, 1968

DOCTOR PEER PRESCOTT JOHNSON

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PP Jo birthplace

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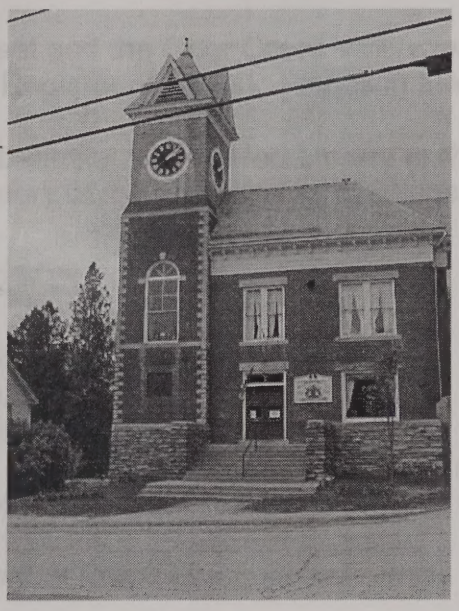
TOWN OF WALLINGFORD

Town Information



Wallingford Town Hall

Founded: 1761
Population (2000): 2,274
Elevation: 576' (Wallingford); 1,193' (E. Wallingford)
Land Area: 43.2 sq. miles

The Town of Wallingford is located in the Otter Creek Valley along Route 7 between the Taconic and Green Mountain Ranges, 22 miles north of Manchester and 10 miles south of Rutland.

Wallingford is divided into three distinct villages. Each depicts the typical small New England town with colonial, federal, and Victorian homes, antique shops, white steepled churches, inns, and small country stores and gift shops. Wallingford offers a great opportunity for the Vermont visitor to experience the small town atmosphere, whether it is for an hour's walk, or for an extended visit.

History and Points of Interest

On November 27, 1761, Governor Wentworth of New Hampshire granted to Captain Hall and 63 associates 23,040 acres in a tract roughly six miles square. Six miles square was chosen because from anywhere within that area the distance to market, to church, or to town meeting could be traveled between morning and evening chores.

The Wallingford House was once a grand hotel and still represents a landmark in the center of town. It is presently housing for the elderly.

The Batcheller and Sons Company operated out of the Old Stone Shop. This was the oldest fork company in America. The American Fork and Hoe (True Temper) took over the Batcheller and Sons Company in 1902. Ash logs are currently being brought to Wallingford for the production of True Temper Handles.

Main Street and the Otter Creek Valley farming area were added to the National Register of Historic Places in the early 1980s.

Visit the beautiful Gilbert Hart Library or the unique Town Hall for more in-depth history of the town and its buildings.

Churches

East Wallingford Baptist Church (802) 259-2831
6132 Route 140
East Wallingford, VT 05742

First Baptist Church of Wallingford (802) 446-2020
39 School Street
Wallingford, VT 05773

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) (802) 775-9552
Rotary Building
96 North Main Street
Wallingford, VT 05773

St. Patrick's Catholic Church (802) 446-2161
North Main Street
Wallingford, VT 05773

So. Wallingford Congregational Church
4210 U.S. Route 7
South Wallingford, VT 05773

Wallingford Congregational Church (802) 446-2817
South Main Street
Wallingford, VT 05773

Wallingford Historical Society

The Wallingford Historical Society is a 501 (c) 3 corporation, founded in 1977, a not-for-profit, membership supported, organization that exists to collect, preserve, and interpret Wallingford's history for present and future generations. According to I.R.S. guidelines, contributions over the value of goods and services are tax deductible.

The general membership meetings are held monthly May through October and are open to the public. After a brief business meeting, a program of local

interest is presented followed by complimentary refreshments. Joyce Barbieri and Fred Thurlow head up the Program Committee so if you have an idea for programs please contact one of them. The last meeting of the season was a Trivia Night where questions were asked on Vermont and Wallingford history and the group with the most correct answers won prizes. I have received so many positive responses on that program we plan to make it an annual event. This event will probably be held at the July meeting when many of the members are in town.

Society Mailing Address: Wallingford Historical Society
c/o Donald F. Emery
294 S Main US 7 S
Wallingford, VT 05773-9517
(802) 446-3366
demery@vermontel.net

Officers (2003-2004):

Donald Emery – *President*
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Gordon McCouch – *term to expire in 2004*

"Perspectives" Editors:

Lowell Klock
Donald Green

Memberships:

Donald Emery

Wallingford Neighborhood Watch

What It Is:

The Program was started in Wallingford purely as an effort to increase communication, awareness and personal security in our town. It was modeled after the National ~ Neighborhood Watch Program. It is designed to alert community members to issues and / or suspect activity as it takes place in our region. This is purely an effort from the people for the people.

This Is How It Works:

Currently, it is an email based program with a growing number of participants. Anyone with Internet access can post a message to: wallingfordwatch@hotmail.com. As events take place in town and get reported to the email address, everyone in the database is alerted to

the event or situation in a quick and easy fashion, as email is checked regularly. This information can then be forwarded to other family members and friends.
An established Email base has proven to be successful in circulating the information to alert members of the community and enhance security.

What It's Not:

Wallingford's Neighborhood Watch is not intended to be a policing agent, rather an open line of communication between community members, our town constable, and state police in an effort to reduce crime in Wallingford.

What You Can Do:

Neighborhood Watch began with a handful of volunteers coming together to organize the program and get it off the ground. Since that initial surge a few years ago, several of those people have moved and / or are pursuing other endeavors. In opinion, this does not have to be a time consuming program. Although, community participation is needed to ensure the future success of the Wallingford Neighborhood Watch. Please email us at the above mentioned address if you can commit some time to assist with the following:

1. Wallingford Watch Email Point Person to Manage the Flow of Information

2. Posting Signs [Street signs have been purchased and sign posts have been donated to signify Wallingford as a neighborhood watch community. We have obtained approval from the town to post these signs on town roads. We will be doing this once the weather breaks.]

3. New Energy, Ideas and leaders to keep the program moving forward.

As I conclude my active duty, I would truly like to thank all who have participated in this worthy community program and urge others to get involved. It's simple ~ All we need is your name, email address and watchful eyes in our community.

Yours in Health,

Joseph P. Donohue, DC

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B E V E R L Y H O S P I T A L

1888 Beverly Hospital started by Dr. Samuel William Torrey in private house on Union Street and Cabot Street corner. 6 beds

1890 Beverly Hospital moved to larger quarters, three-story house, on Central Street. 10 beds

1893 (June 3, 1893) The needs of the community outran the facilities which Dr. Torrey was able to provide, so he wisely and generously conveyed the property to the Beverly Hospital Corporation as a gift without price or remuneration. A corporation was formed of Beverly people on June 3, 1893.

1893 (June 19, 1893) Hospital formally accepted as Beverly Hospital. BEVERLY HOSPITAL CORPORATION CHARTERED UNDER MASS LAWS JULY 13, 1893

1894 Beverly Hospital Training School started with four pupils enrolled for a two-year course. The pupils were: Theodosia Hines, Lena McGregor, Sara Ross, and Linda Young.

1895 6-bed ward for male patients added, making total of 16 beds

1901 District Nursing made part of curriculum (ended in 1921).

1903 Dr. Peer P. Johnson elected to Staff of Beverly Hospital.

1905 Training School course lengthened to two and one-half years.

1905 Medical Staff organized into Medical and Surgical Staff.

1908 (September 8, 1908) Main building of present quarters dedicated. 50 beds

1909 First full time doctor-anesthetist.

1909 Hospital district enlarged to include Manchester, Wenham, Hamilton, Ipswich, Topsfield, Middleton, Danvers, and Essex.

1909 First Surgical Team - 3 surgeons.

1910 Hospital Aid Association formed: Supplying linen, arranging Donation Day, etc.

1912 First Intern: Dr. Isadore Perlstein, Harvard Medical School.

1912 Nurses' Home completed and occupied July 15, 1912.

1914 First Roentgenologist-Pathologist: Dr. Gertrude Welton.

1916 Dr. Peer P. Johnson appointed Surgeon-in-Chief

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1916 Beverly Hospital Alumnae Association formed.

1917-1919 Dr. Peer P. Johnson obtained leave of absence to enter Military Service. He entered with rank of Captain, became Lt. Col. Chief of Surgical Staff of Evacuation Hospital Nine at Vaubecourt, France. With Army of Occupation in Coblenz, Germany, and Chief Surgeon Base Hospital, Camp Sherman in Ohio.

1917 Three Surgeons, two members of the Board of Directors, and six nurses in Military Service.

1918 Through the influence of Dr. John D. Adams, our Orthopedic Consultant, and the generosity of one of the Directors, Louisa Loring, Occupational Therapy was introduced.

1920 School of Nursing Course - 3 years.

1922 (May 12, 1922) New Wing, now known as Torrey A, formally opened. Bed capacity increased to 100 beds

1922 American College of Surgeons placed the Beverly Hospital on its approved list.

1922 (October 24, 1922) Historian added to Staff to keep medical records. She was given leave of absence to take a course of study at the Mass. General in the keeping of medical records in accordance with the Minimum Standards of the American College of Surgeons.

1923 Member of American Hospital Association.

1928 Bed capacity increased by more intensive use of space to 115 beds

1929 Unveiling of Tablet in memorium of Dr. Samuel W. Torrey.

1929 New Wing to Nurses' Home completed.

1930 Approved by American Medical Association for intern training.

193[illegible] (July 13, 1930) Sears' Ward formally opened (26 beds) Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Sears 141 beds

1935 8-Hour Day for students and head nurses. (formerly 12 hours)

1933 Mae A. Bartley appointed Superintendent.

1936 Dedication of Dr. Peer P. Johnson's Portrait.

1936 (November 18, 1936) Dawson Hall opened.

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1937 Inauguration of Blue Cross.

1937 New Xray Department opened.

1937 New automatic elevator installed.

1937 (June 4, 1937) Beverly Hospital Tumor Clinic started. Became State aided September 1, 1939. First hospital to follow all patients (private and ward) having diagnosis of cancer.

1938 State Genito-Infectious Disease Clinic started at Beverly Hospital.

1939 Approved by American Medical Association for Residency in Surgery.

1939 8-Hour Day for Private Duty Nurses established.

1940 Research Laboratory opened.

1940 (May 12, 1940) Gift Shop opened.

1941 Attendant nurses enrolled for 4 months' course.

1941 (August 24, 1941) Formal opening of Torrey Building, which includes Torrey B, Leland Floor, Dr. Peer P. Johnson Surgery Suite, new kitchens, Record Room, Xray Office and Filing Room, Central Supply, Auditorium, etc. Bed capacity increased to 207 beds

1941 New Surgery features: (1) Static eliminated (consultation with professor of electrical engineering at M.I.T.) (2) Oxygen piped from central manifold to Operating Room, Delivery Rooms, and Nursery. (3) Pipe suction and nitrous oxide to Operating and Delivery Rooms

1943 Dawson Hall, Hunt Estate, sold to city of Beverly (Lynch Park).

1943 Occupational Therapy discontinued.

1944 Another new addition to Nurses' home: 41 more beds and new Class Rooms, and other facilities.

1944 Male Ward changed to LYNCH WARD. Female Ward changed to WINTHROP WARD.

1944 Medical Social Worker added to the Staff.

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1944	48 nurses, 12 Staff members, 15 resident and intern alumni, and 2 members of the Board of Directors in the Armed Services. Dr. Johnson appointed Chief Medical Officer of Civilian Defense, Region IV, also, Chairman of Health and Social Service of Beverly, and Surgical Consultant on the Medical Advisory Board #5.	
1945	Approved by American Medical Association for Residency in Pathology.	
1946	Approved by American Medical Association for Residency in Medicine.	
1946	Approved by American Medical Association for Residency in Anesthesia.	
1947	Department of Electroencephalography established.	
1948	(June 4, 1948) Beverly Hospital Research Foundation organized.	
1949	Approved by American Board of Surgery for 3-year program.	227 beds
1949	Affiliated Residency in Pediatrics between the Beverly Hospital and the Children's Medical Center.	
1951	Postgraduate Surgical affiliation with Peter Bent Brigham Hospital.	
1952	New quarters for House officers.	
1952	Occupational Therapy reinstituted.	
1953	Cardiac Clinic established.	
1953	New house for Administrator.	
1953	Dr. Pe[illegible] P. Johnson's Fiftieth Year in the practice of Surgery in association with Beverly Hospital.	
1955	(March, 1955) 40-Hour week.	
1956	(March, 1956) Mrs. Harry B. Duane, Jr. of Marblehead appointed first Director of Volunteer Services.	

B E V E R L Y H O S P I T A L

1956 (June 10, 1956) Citation by President Carl M. Borgmann, University of Vermont Medical School to Peer Prescott Johnson:

"Because of your great contribution to the people of this state and nation, including your leadership in the development of American surgery, and your inspiration to all young surgeons in training, this University takes pleasure in honoring you."

"By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Board of Trustees, I confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Science, Honoris Causa, and admit to all its honors, rights, privileges, and obligations."

1956 Miss Mae A. Bartley honored as "Citizen of the Year" by the B'nai B'rith Lodge #1304 on March 11, 1956.

1957 (May 12, 1957) Dedication of PEER P. JOHNSON BUILDING 304 beds

1957 Coffee Shop
Fog Rooms
Atomic Medicine
Eye Department
Dental Unit
Recovery Room in Surgery
Oxygen and suction piped to patients' rooms
Cascade oxygen in manifolds across Herrick Street

1957 (July, 1957) Department of Medical Education established. Philip D. Herrick, M.D. appointed as Director.

1957 (July, 1957) Beverly Hospital School of Nursing granted temporary accreditation.

1957 Food Manager in Charge of Dietary Department - Mrs. Virginia W. Poulen.

1958 (February 23, 1958) Peer P. Johnson, M.D. honored as "Man of the Year" by the B'nai B'rith Lodge #1304.

1958 (July, 1958) Mr. Frederick Ayer retired as President of Board of Directors after serving for 31 years (1927).

1958 Mr. Louis Cabot elected President of Directors.

1959 (October 5, 1959) SPECIAL CARE UNIT became operational.

1960 (February 18, 1960) Third Floor, Johnson Building, named DENNETT FLOOR. 278 beds

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1960 (April 11, 1960) Mae A. Bartley, R.N. resigned as Administrator (effective as of July 1, 1960).

1960 (April, 1960) Beverly Hospital School of Nursing fully accredited.

1960 (July 1, 1960) Mr. Craig S. Slater appointed Administrator.

1960 (August 1, 1960) New Laboratory occupied.

1961 (January, 1961) Mr. Neil R. Ayer elected President of Board of Directors.

1961 (July, 1961) Dr. Johnson who has been on the Staff of Beverly Hospital for 58 years (1903), Surgeon-in-Chief since 1916, and Chief of Staff since March 22, 1944, retired as Chief of Staff. To continue as Consultant in Surgery. The title "Chief" of Staff will no longer be held by anyone.

1961 (July, 1961) Richard E. Alt, M.D. appointed President of Staff.

1962 (August 1, 1962) Parkhurst Medical Building opened.

1962 (October 14, 1962) Blueberry Hill Nursing Home in North Beverly opened.

1962 (October 25, 1962) Mae A. Bartley, R.N., former Administrator of Beverly Hospital, elected President of Visiting Nurse Association.

1962 (December 13, 1962) Bernice L. Stoddard, R.N. retired as head nurse in Surgical Department, a position she has held since 1937.

1963 (January, 1963) New Fire Alarm system put into operation. 273 beds

1963 (February 17, 1963) Richard E. Alt, M.D. honored as "Man of the Year" by B'nai B'rith Lodge #1304.

1963 (February 28, 1963) Peer P. Johnson, M.D. died in his 87th year after a short illness.

1963 (July 1, 1963) First hospital on North Shore, other than City Hospitals, to have a pension plan.

1963 (October 1, 1963) Opening of Torrey A - a completely renovated and re-modeled 24 bed unit - October through May 1, 1964.

1963 (October 1, 1963) Address-o-graph started - a new system for patient identification.

PEER PRESCOTT JOHNSON, M.D.

continued

With Army of Occupation in Coblenz, Germany	1918
CHIEF SURGEON Base Hospital, Camp Sherman in Ohio	1919

DIRECTOR OF BEVERLY NATIONAL BANK	1932 - to date
Appointed CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE OF BEVERLY By Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety	1941 - 1944
Appointed REGIONAL MEDICAL DIRECTOR, Region IV, By Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety	1941 - 1944
Surgical Consultant - Medical Advisory Board #5	1941 - 1944
Honorary Membership in AOA, National Medical Honor Fraternity, "For accomplishments in the field of medicine	1952
50th year in practice of Surgery at BEVERLY HOSPITAL (GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR celebrated)	1953

University Club, Boston

Manchester Yacht Club

Eastern Yacht Club, Marblehead

The Cruising Club of American (Boston Chapter)

Married to Elizabeth Gould Torrey, Beverly, Massachusetts in Beverly, Massachusetts in 1906 (January 8)

PEER PRESCOTT JOHNSON, M.D.

continued

Her father's name: Samuel William Torrey, M.D. (deceased)
Surgeon

Three children:

Deborah, married to Richard E. Alt, M.D., Beverly, Massachusetts

Elizabeth, married to John W. Bethell, Essex, Massachusetts

Peer Prescott Johnson, Jr., married to Catherine Ward, Beverly, Mass.

First paternal American ancestor, maiden name of wife, and line of descent from them:

Edmund, from Wales in 1635, settled in Winnicumet, New Hampshire, now Hampton		and wife Mary ?
Peter, first white child born in Winnicumet, 1639		and wife Ruth Moulton
Edmund	1671 - 1737	and wife Abigail Green
Obediah	1705	and wife Judith Brown
Enoch	1748 - 1817	and wife Lydia Purington
Amos	1789 - 1851	and wife Huldah Green
Moses	1813 - 1900	and wife Hannah Sanborn 1822 - 1845
Otis Sanborn	1845 - 1886	and wife M. Blanche Sherman
Peer Prescott	1875	and wife Elizabeth Torrey

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J O H N S O N, PEER PRESCOTT,

Surgeon; born August 21, 1875, Wallingford, Vt.; son of Otis Sanborn and M. Blanche (Sherman) Johnson; educated at Univ. of Vt., A.B., 1898, M.D. 1900; married Elizabeth Gould Torrey, Jan. 8, 1906; children - Deborah (Mrs. Richard E. Alt), Elizabeth (Mrs. John W. Bethell), Peer Prescott, Jr.

Surgical House Officer, Boston City Hosp., 1900-03; Surgeon, Beverly Hosp., Beverly, Mass., 1903 - ; Surgeon-in-Chief, and Chief of Staff, 1916 - . Consultant Surgeon: North Shore Babies Hosp.; Salem and Essex Co. Sanatorium, Middleton, Mass., 1916.

Dir., Beverly National Bank, 1932 - . Member, Bd. of Trustees, University of Vermont ~~Medical School~~, 1930-33, 1942-46, 1949 - .

Member: New England Surgical Soc. (Pres. 1935); Amer. Bd. Surgery (founder); Alpha Omega Alpha (Honorary);

Amer. College of Surgeons (Founder). Fellow, Boston Med. Library.

Clubs: University, Boston; Manchester Yacht; ~~Eastern Yacht, Marblehead~~; The Cruising of America.

Celebrated 50th year in practice of surgery, Beverly Hospital, 1953.

Served in Spanish-American War, 1898; Capt., Major, Lt. Col., M.C., A.U.S., France, 1917-19.

Residence: 15 Washington St.

Office: 1 Monument Square, Beverly, Mass.

PERSONALLY APPROVED BY: Peer P. Johnson

Dr. Peer P. Johnson.

1952 Honorary membership in AOA, National medical honor fraternity, "For accomplishments in the field of medicine

1956 Citation by Pres. Carl W. Borgmann, University of Vermont Medical School:"By virtue of authority vested in me, I confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Science, Honoris Causa."

1958 Honored as 'Man of Year' at Beverly Lodge of B'Nai B'rith

1958 Honored with the University of Vermont Alumni "Distinguished Service Award"

PEER PRESCOTT JOHNSON, M.D.

LIST OF REPRINTS OF DOCTOR JOHNSON'S PAPERS
(On File in Record Room)

(1) RIGHT COLECTOMY, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO THE END RESULTS OF A SERIES OF TWELVE CASES

Reprint from Boston Medical and Surgical Journal February 22, 1917

(2) MEGACOLON IN THE ADULT WITH REPORT OF TWO CASES

Reprint from Boston Medical and Surgical Journal
Vol. CLXXXIV, No. 4, pp 88-92, January 27, 1921

(3) RETROPERITONEAL PERIRENAL LIPOMA: REPORT OF CASE

Reprint from Boston Medical and Surgical Journal
Vol. 189, No. 23, pp 907-911, December 6, 1923

(4) REPORT OF A CASE OF FIBROMATOSIS OF PELVIC COLON

Reprint from Boston Medical and Surgical Journal
Vol. 196, No. 18, pp 721-723, May 5, 1927
Read before the New England Surgical Society Oct. 1, 1926

(5) DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF THE ACUTE SURGICAL LESIONS OF THE LOWER ABDOMEN

Reprint from Boston Medical and Surgical Journal
Vol. 197, No. 6, pp 205-210, August 11, 1927

(6) ACUTE APPENDICITIS

Paper read before the Section of Surgery of the Massachusetts Medical Society at its Annual Meeting June 10, 1932
Reprint from New England Journal of Medicine
Vol. 207, No. 8, pp 352-353, August 25, 1932

(7) THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL TO BETTER MEDICAL SERVICE

President's address delivered at the Annual Meeting of the New England Surgical Society at Manchester, New Hampshire, September 27, 1935
Reprint from New England Journal of Medicine
Vol. 214, No. 7, pp 295-298, February 13, 1936

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(8) ACUTE PANCREATIC DISEASE

Paper given at the Vermont Sesquicentennial (of the Vermont State Medical Society) October 2, 1941

(9) HEMORRHAGE FROM THE GALLBLADDER

Reprint from New England Journal of Medicine
Vol. 234, pp 438-441, March 28, 1946

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DOCTOR PEER PRESCOTT JOHNSON

1875	August 21	Born in Wallingford, Vermont
1898		AB from University of Vermont, cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa
1898		Served in the Spanish-American War
1900		Graduated from the University of Vermont Medical School with highest honors and First in his Class
1900-1902		Surgical House Officer, Boston City Hospital
1903	January	Came to Beverly, Massachusetts. Assistant to Dr. Torrey
1903	March 11	Board of Registration in Medicine
1903	November 18	Member of the Massachusetts Medical Society
1903	December	Appointed to Staff of Beverly Hospital
1913	November 13	Founder member of American College of Surgeons
1914		Appointed to Board of Directors of MSPCC
1914-1915		Vice President Essex South District Massachusetts Medical Society
1916	February 5	Founder member of New England Surgical Society
1916		Appointed Surgeon-in-Chief of Beverly Hospital
1916		Appointed Chief of Staff of Beverly Hospital
1916		Consultant at North Shore Babies' Hospital, Salem
1916		Consultant at Essex County Sanatorium, Middleton
1917-1918		President Essex South District Massachusetts Medical Society
1917-1922		Member of Beverly School Committee
1917	August	Enlisted in Army Medical Corps with rank of Captain and assigned to Camp Harrison, Indiana. From there he was sent to Camps Oglethorpe, Riley, and Merritt
1918		Went overseas with rank of Major
		Chief of Surgical Staff of Evacuation Hospital Nine at Vaubecourt, France
		Promoted to Lt. Col.

Important Dates:

			With Army of Occupation in Coblenz, Germany
1919	April	13	Arrived back in United States
			Chief Surgeon Base Hospital, Camp Sherman in Ohio
1919	July		Completed military service
1928-1929			Vice President of Massachusetts Medical Society
1932 to date			(Dec. 2) Director of Beverly National Bank
1934			Fellow of the Boston Medical Library (non-resident)
1920-1934			Treasurer of New England Surgical Society
1934-1935			President of New England Surgical Society
1937			Founder member of American Board of Surgery
1939-1940			Councilor Massachusetts Medical Society
1941			Appointed Regional Medical Director, Region IV, by Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety
1941-1944			Surgical Consultant - Medical Advisory Board #5
1930-1933 1942-1946 1949-1952			Board of Trustees, University of Vermont Medical School
1949			Vice President of Medical Alumni of University of Vermont
			President " " " " " " "
1952			Honorary membership in AOA, National medical honor fraternity, "For accomplishments in the field of medicine"
1953			50th year in practice of Surgery at Beverly Hospital (Golden Jubilee Year celebrated)
1956	June	10	Citation by President Carl W. Borgmann, University of Vermont Medical School to Peer Prescott Johnson: Because of your great contribution to the people of this state and nation, including your leadership in the development of American surgery, and your inspiration to all young surgeons in training, this University takes pleasure in honoring you. By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Board of Trustees, I confer upon you the degree of Doctor of Science, Honoris Causa, and admit you to all its honors, rights, privileges, and obligations.
1957	May	12	Dedication of PEER P. JOHNSON BUILDING - 300 beds

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Dr Turley

Born 12-11-1844

Died 1-1-1918

DOCTOR PEER PRESCOTT JOHNSON

1958	February	23	Honored as 'MAN OF YEAR' at Beverly Lodge of B'nai B'rith Dinner
1958	June	16	Honored with the University of Vermont Alumni Distinguished Service Award "because he has through a long and brilliant career in his chosen field of Surgery brought credit and honor to his University and because he has in many ways performed service far above and beyond the ordinary for the University and its College of Medicine."
1960	Oct.	25	Mrs. Johnson passed away
1961	July		Retires as Chief of Staff an office he had filled since March 22, 1944 but to continue as Consultant in Surgery.
1962	Feb.	28	Dr. Johnson passed away
1962	March	10	MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DR. JOHNSON

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Miss Anna Allen,
Record Librarian,
Beverly Hospital
Beverly, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Allen:

A biography of the late Dr. Peer Prescott Johnson, former chief of staff of your hospital, is being prepared for inclusion in a forthcoming volume of this Cyclopedia. As we lack certain essential facts in connection with his medical career, it has been suggested by his daughter, Mrs. R. E. Alt, that we write to you.

Can you supply us with a brief statement concerning his activities with the hospital mentioning any of his notable contributions to its development, and any new techniques of treatment he may have devised?

Sincerely yours,

Elaine Asche

(Mrs.) E. Asche
Editorial Department

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PEER PRESCOTT JOHNSON, M.D.

Born in WALLINGFORD, VERMONT August 21, 1875 (at 2:00 p.m. Saturday)

Father's name Otis Sanborn Johnson
Born in Quaker City, New Hampshire, in the town of Unity
He was Headmaster at Brigham Academy, Bakersfield, Vermont

Paternal grandfather:

Moses Johnson

Mother's maiden name:

M. Blanche Sherman

Mother's father's name:

Ezra W. Sherman
Classmate in Middlebury College and life-long friend of
Hon. Edward John Phelps who was later, in 1883, Minister to
Great Britain

Graduated from the UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT A.B., cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa 1898

Graduated from the UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT MEDICAL SCHOOL in 1900 with highest honors
and First in his Class

Surgical House Officer, Boston City Hospital 1900 - 1903

SURGEON, BEVERLY HOSPITAL, BEVERLY, MASSACHUSETTS 1903 - to date

SURGEON-IN-CHIEF AND CHIEF OF STAFF OF BEVERLY HOSPITAL 1916 - to date

Founder member of AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS 1913

PEER PRESCOTT JOHNSON, M.D.

continued

Appointed member of Board of Directors of Massachusetts Society of Prevention of Cruelty to Children	1914
Founder member of NEW ENGLAND SURGICAL SOCIETY	1916
Treasurer of NEW ENGLAND SURGICAL SOCIETY	1921 - 1934
President of NEW ENGLAND SURGICAL SOCIETY	1935
Consultant Surgeon North Shore Babies' Hospital, Salem, and Essex County Sanatorium, Middleton, Massachusetts	1916
Member of Beverly School Committee	1917 - 1922
Vice President of Essex South District Medical Society	1914 - 1915
President of Essex South District Medical Society	1917 - 1918
Vice President of Massachusetts Medical Society	1928 - 1929
Fellow of the Boston Medical Library	
Founder member of the AMERICAN BOARD OF SURGERY	1937
Member of Board of Trustees, UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT MEDICAL SCHOOL	1930 - 1933 1942 - 1946 1949 - to date
President of Medical Alumni of University of Vermont	
Vice President of Medical Alumni of University of Vermont	1948

Served in the Spanish-American War	1898
CAPTAIN, MAJOR and LIEUTENANT COLONEL IN MEDICAL CORPS OF UNITED STATES ARMY IN FRANCE	1917 - 1919
CHIEF OF SURGICAL STAFF of Evacuation Hospital Nine at Vaubecourt, France	

THE PEER P. JOHNSON TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP

1948	Clifford C. Agnew, M.D.
1949	E. Sherburne Lovell, M.D.
1950	Max Dubin, M.D.
1952	Frank E. Bixby, M.D.
1952	Donald E. Brown, M.D.
1953	Richard H. Dolloff, M.D.
1953	Russell J. Rowell, M.D.
1955	George W. Miller, M.D.

PEER P. JOHNSON LECTURE IN SURGERY

1950 — Charles G. Mixter, M.D.

Subject: "SURGICAL TRENDS SINCE THE TURN OF THE CENTURY"
(First)

1951 — Arthur W. Allen, M.D.

Subject: "THE SURGICAL TREATMENT OF DUODENAL ULCER"
(Second)

1952 — Frank H. Lahey, M.D.

Subject: "THE NEW CONCEPTS ABOUT THE ORIGIN AND MANAGEMENT OF THYROID DISEASE"
(Third)

1953 — William B. Castle, M.D.

Subject: "SOME IMMUNOLOGIC ASPECTS OF BLOOD DISORDERS"
(Fourth)

1954 — John D. Stewart, M.D.

Subject: "THE EFFECTS OF HEPATIC ISCHEMIA"
(Fifth)

1955 — William E. Brown, M.D.

Subject: "THE ROLE OF THE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL IN MEDICAL EDUCATION"
(Sixth)

PEER P. JOHNSON LECTURE IN SURGERY

1956	Richard B. Cattell, M.D. Subject: "CARCINOMA OF THE LARGE BOWEL" (Seventh)
1957	Robert Gross, M.D. Subject: "HORIZONS IN SURGERY" (Eighth)
1958	The Honorable Joseph B. Harrington Subject: "THE DOCTOR AND THE LAW" (Ninth)
1959	Howard J. Lockward, M.D. Subject: "THE MANCHESTER PLAN" and Progressive Patient Care (Tenth)
1960	John T. Fey, J.S.D., L.L.D. Subject: "UNIVERSITIES, MEDICAL EDUCATION AND THE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL" (Eleventh)
1961	Perry B. Hudson, M.D. Subject: "STAPHYLOCOCCUS PROBLEM" (Twelfth)

PEER P. JOHNSON LECTURE IN SURGERY

1962

Thomas B. Quigley, M.D.

Subject: "MUSCULOSKELETAL INJURIES; LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE PLAYING FIELD"
(Thirteenth)

1963

George R. Dunlop, M.D.

Subject: "PRESENT CONCEPTS OF SHOCK AND RENAL SHUTDOWN"
(Fourteenth)

1964

J. Maxwell Chamberlain, M.D.

Subject: "THE SMOKING HABIT: AUTO-AIR POLLUTION"
(Fifteenth)

1965

Albert G. Mackay, M.D.

Subject: "THE ROLE OF THE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL IN GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION"
(Sixteenth)

1966

J. Hartwell Harrison, M.D.

Subject: "RECENT ADVANCES IN SURGERY OF THE ADRENAL"
(Seventeenth)

(over)

PEER P. JOHNSON LECTURE IN SURGERY

1967 — W. Gerald Austen, M.D.

Subject: "OPEN HEART SURGERY AT THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL"
(Eighteenth)

1968 — Grant V. Rodkey, M.D.

Subject: "SOME PANCREATICO-BILIARY INTERRELATIONSHIPS"
(Ninteenth)

1969 — Ralph E. Alley, M.D.

Subject: "TRAUMATIC RUPTURE AND ANEURYSM OF THE THORACIC AORTA"
(Twentieth)

1970 — John R. Brooks, M.D.

Subject: "TOTAL PANCREATECTOMY FOR CANCER OF THE PANCREAS"
(Twenty-first)

1971 — Claude E. Welch, M.D.

Subject: "CARCINOMA OF THE COLON AND RECTUM--WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?"
(Twenty-second)

1972 — Lawrence L. Weed, M.D.

Subject: "ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM ORIENTED MEDICAL RECORD"
(Twenty-third)

The University of Vermont
and State Agricultural College

Know all men by these presents that

Peer Prescott Johnson

has been awarded the degree of

Doctor of Science
honoris causa

In Testimony Whereof, this diploma is conferred at Burlington, Vermont, this tenth day of June, in the year of our Lord Nineteen Hundred and fifty-six.

SIGILLUM UNIVERSITATIS VIRIDIMONTANAE
STUDIIS ET REBUS HONESTIS
COLLEGIQUE AGRICULTURAE
1791

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

The University of Vermont
and
State Agricultural College

In recognition of your efforts in the cause of higher education in the State of Vermont... and of your devotion and loyalty to the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College... and of your selfless service as a member of the Board of Trustees, this scroll is presented to you...

Peer P. Johnson

...and you are hereby recognized as one of that distinguished company of TRUSTEES EMERITI *who have similarly served.*

Carl W Borgmann

PRESIDENT

1950

Surgeon-in-Chief	-	Dr. Peer P. Johnson
First Assistant	-	Dr. Max Dubin
Second Assistant	-	Dr. Stuart Anderson
Anesthesiologist	-	Dr. Jacob H. Fine
Operating Room Supervisor		Mrs. Bernice Stoddard

1950

Anesthesiologist

Dr. Jacob H. Fine

Number of Operations Performed at Beverly Hospital

1904 -

by DR. PEER P. JOHNSON

Total operations in 5-year periods:

1904 - 1908	347	
1909 - 1913	857	During this period many
1914 - 1918	1 071	operations were done in
* 1919 - 1923	1 630	the homes of patients and
1924 - 1928	2 365	are not recorded
1929 - 1933	2 958	
1934 - 1938	2 503	
1939 - 1943	2 447	
1944 - 1948	2 727	
1949 - 1953	1 700	

* 1917 - 1919 in Military Service

First operation, January 22, 1904:
"incision and drainage of hematocele of broad ligament"
Patient: Mrs. Celia Currie, age 25, 354 Cabot Street, Beverly

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Largest number of operations in any one year:

737	1932
710	1943
708	1944

During 1943 and 1944, during World War, a total of 1,418 operations were performed by Dr. Johnson. This total of a two-year period exceeded the total of any previous consecutive two-year period.

A total of 2,727 operations during the 5-year period 1944-1948 is exceeded by only one other 5-year period 1929-1933 with a total of 2,958 operations.

Number of Operations Performed at Beverly Hospital
(House Patients)

1904 -

by DR. PEER P. JOHNSON

1904	28		1929	464	
1905	76		1930	583	
1906	77		1931	559	
1907	70		1932	737	
1908	96	347	1933	615	2 958
1909	72		1934	555	
1910	138		1935	525	
1911	181		1936	492	
1912	163		1937	508	
1913	303	857	1938	423	2 503
1914	378		1939	350	
* 1915	120		1940	455	
1916	404		1941	352	
** 1917 (Jan - Aug)	169		1942	580	
1918	0	1 071	1943	710	2 447
1919 (July - Dec)	136		1944	708	
1920	263		1945	537	
1921	447		1946	439	
1922	442		1947	532	
1923	342	1 630	1948	511	2 727
1924	378		1949	450	
1925	490		*** 1950	337	
1926	498		1951	334	
1927	511		1952	335	
1928	488	2 365	1953	244	1 700

TOTAL OPERATIONS

* 1915 No operations between Feb-Oct
** 1917 - 1919 In Military Service
*** 1950 Not on duty Sept-Dec

Enosburg Falls, Vermont
May 12, 1950

Dear Dr. Johnson:

As both you and Dr. Hinman are Vermonters, I would like to review a few facts, you hold in common, in this vicinity.

Howard Delmar Hinman was born at West Charleston, Vermont (between Newport and Island Pond).

Graduated from Derby Academy (Derby, Vermont).

Taught school for a short time at Coventry, Vermont.

His pupils included Charlie Branch, who has become a physician of note, and was Pathologist at Beverly Hospital, and whom you know well.

Dr. Hinman graduated from the University of Vermont Medical College at Burlington in 1913 (cum laude).

Interned at Beverly Hospital 1913-1914.

Located for country practise at Enosburg Falls (7 miles from Canadian border).

Peer Prescott Johnson was born in the lovely country village of Wallingford, Vermont, which is about 13 miles south of Rutland.

When 8 years of age, lived for several years at Bakersfield, which is 10 miles south of Enosburg Falls.

Peter Bent Brigham, who endowed the Boston Hospital bearing his name, was born at Bakersfield, and left a large endowment for the erection and maintenance of an academy in his native Bakersfield. If I am correct, after its erection your father, Otis Sanborn Johnson, served as its second Headmaster.

It may be of interest to know that Ambassador Warren Austin, Chairman of the United Nations, is among the graduates of Brigham Academy. This school

is still in existence, and is a progressive high school in northern Vermont.

Ten miles east of Enosburg Falls, nestled among surrounding hills, lies the village of Montgomery where your grandfather, Ezra J. Sherman, retired from his law practice in Burlington, Vermont because of illness while still a young man.

So, as Dr. Hinman drives often daily to Montgomery, he no doubt passes the home of your grandfather, and the hillside where he lies buried and possibly attends your kin or their neighbors.

Dr. Johnson graduated from the University of Vermont Medical College at Burlington in 1900, locating at Beverly, Massachusetts.

You have been loyal to your Alma Mater, returning often for graduations, class reunions, have been Toastmaster or Guest Speaker on various occasions, reading papers at our State Medical Society Meetings. For a busy surgeon you have given generously of your time by serving two full terms on the Board of Trustees at the University of Vermont, and now filling a third, the unexpired term of Dr. Charles Branch who moved to Chicago where he is Executive Secretary of the American College of Surgeons.

More power to you Doctor Peer!

To reminisce personally, I was "scrub nurse" for 196 operations during April, May, June, July and October 1913 and for the greater part of them, you were the surgeon. I prepared everything for these operations, scrubbed, and then cleaned up from them single-handed. My only assistance was given by Patrick, who took soiled linen to the laundry and mopped the floors.

At that time you were doing from 5 to 8 operations on Saturdays, "Mayo Style". Although a lot of hard work and long hours, I loved it and was

thrilled to have even a small part in such a noble work as you were able to do for mankind.

I wish to thank you once again for the many kindnesses to me. Only the best can be wished for a person grand as you -- May happiness and good health be yours and Mrs. Johnson's today and always!

Sincerely yours,

Esther B. Hinman

Esther B. Hinman

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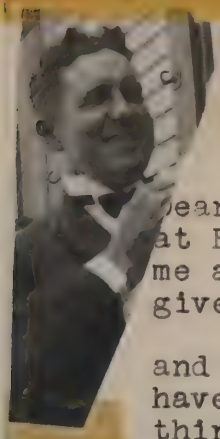
Dr. Howard Delmar Hinman - grad of Univ of Vermont Medical School
Second Intern at Beverly Hospital in 1913



HOWARD D. HINMAN, M. D.
ENOSBURG FALLS, VERMONT

Dear Doctor Johnson:- As the second intern at Beverly Hospital (1913-1914) it gives me a good deal of pride and pleasure to be given space in your Scrap Book.

The time I spent as a pupil of yours and the lessons I learned while in the Hosp't have been most valuable to me during my thirty-five years of country practice. One of the first lessons I learned was how little one has to know to be graduated from a Medical College.

I was very proud when I was allowed to assist you in the O.R. and after a busy morning was delighted to go to Boston with you to a ballgame.You were an excellent host and I believe gave me my first introduction to Martini Cocktail when we dined at the Thorndyke Inn after the game.

One forgets many things in the course of time but I do remember the big Salem fire and the confusion it made at B.H. by having so many patients admitted at once,and I also remember looking for a heart case at night who climbed out a window and hid in the woods. I also remember the other men on the staff, Drs. Sears,Swan,Phillips,Stone,Hill,Stickney and Dr.Shatswell with his fat juicy flaxseed poultices.I am informed that all of these men have gone to their rewards. Even Doctors are not immortal.They were all good to me.

Both my wife,nee'Esther Wonson and my daughter Phyllis were graduated from the B.H.Training School for nurses so we are an Alumni family and all unite in wishing that we could better express our continued respect and affection for you Dr.Johnson, and unite in wishing you many more years of health,happiness and usefullness in your profession.

Respectfully,

H.D.Hinman

(Dr. Hinman married Esther Wonson, a graduate of the Beverly Hospital School of Nursing, 1914. Daughter, Phyllis, also a graduate of Beverly Hospital School of Nursing, 1944)

Hinman Family 1943

The Hinman Family 1943

Left to right: Son, Phillip, Daughter, Phyllis (Hinman) Baker,
Mrs. Esther (Wonson) Hinman and Dr. Howard Delmar Hinman

B E V E R L Y H O S P I T A L

Incorporated July 13, 1893

"Dr. Samuel William Torrey was a pioneer in recognizing that surgical operations could not be performed or serious diseases be adequately treated in the average home and as there was no hospital in Beverly, in 1888 he established in a small private house, on Union Street and Cabot Street corner, a hospital of six beds for the treatment of surgical cases. The matron in charge was Miss Dorothy Brown, a trained nurse from the Lister Hospital in England. The hospital was not a money making venture, and with the assistance of some of his friends, Dr. Torrey was able to care for several patients who could not pay their way.

The demand for hospital treatment was so insistent, that in 1890 more spacious quarters, a 3-story house, on Central Street was acquired and its facilities extended to other physicians. The capacity was at first ten beds and in 1895 a six-bed ward for male patients was added, making a total of sixteen beds.

The calls on the hospital and needs of the community soon outran the facilities which Dr. Torrey was able to provide, so he wisely and generously conveyed the property to the Beverly Hospital Corporation as a gift without price or remuneration. A corporation was formed of Beverly people on June 3, 1893 and the hospital was formally accepted as BEVERLY HOSPITAL on June 19, 1893."

Miss Brown did not continue with the hospital at the Central Street location and Miss Frances L. Mackie was appointed as matron. She was succeeded by Mrs. C. H. Pike. Miss Hanson, as Head Nurse, was appointed to assist Mrs. Pike.

FROM THE FIRST ANNUAL REPORT 1893-1894: "During the first year ending

BEVERLY HOSPITAL

May 1, 1894, 90 patients were treated; 52 surgical and 38 medical. 38 operations performed.

Many free patients were treated for one of the objects of the hospital is to provide a place where the sick who are not able to pay can be received and have proper medical treatment.

The Beverly Hospital has taken its place as a permanent addition to the town. Skillful surgical operations have been performed; severe accidents have been promptly attended to; individuals who could not have proper attention at home have been taken care of: these facts prove the wisdom of its founding. As the city grows the hospital will continue to fulfill its mission of taking care of the sick."

For the Board of Directors

D. D. Addison, President

From the 12th Annual Report

May 1, 1905

"In July last, Mr. John W. Carter, Mr. Joseph C. Kilham, Dr. Peer P. Johnson, Mr. Thomas F. Delaney and other gentlemen of the City, through an entertainment given on the "Training Field" realized the sum of $425, which was donated to the Hospital."

Otis Sanborn Johnson

Otis Sanborn Johnson, the first Principal of the Fair Haven High School from 1875-80, was born October 6, 1845, at West Unity, N. H. He was the son of Moses and Hannah Sanborn Johnson who were of the good Quaker stock, which, unfortunately, is becoming very rare, as evidenced by the fact that people now are more given to talking than working. The great Quaker tenet is just opposite

In youth during school vacations he worked on the farm, but he always kept studying, leaving his book at one end of the field so he could refer to it after completing each double bout. Thus he imitated the great Lincoln, who placed his book on a stump while chopping wood or splitting rails. Neither of them had need of any more athletic exercise or gymnastic accessories to develop his muscles or keep in good physique.

He attended academies at Claremont and Meriden, N. H., and was graduated from the New London Literary and Scientific Institution in 1869. He taught school at various places, notably, at Claremont and Henniker, N. H., and Weathersfield, Vt., also near Springfield, Ill. He studied theology awhile at the Newton, (Mass.) Theological Institution. While teaching at Lebanon, N. H., he married Miss Blanche Sherman in 1870. In 1871 he became Principal of the Wallingford, (Vt.) Graded School.

August 30, 1875 he entered on his duties as Principal of the Fair Haven High School at a salary of $1050 per annum. The Assistant Principal was Miss Anna J. Phelps. The other teachers were the Misses Martha Fish, Weltha Cooper, Franc Heine and Belle Skeeles. While here he lived on West street.

He maintained the best of discipline, not so much by the rod as by his dignified mien and manly bearing which commanded respect and obedience. In a word, had he donned the toga, he would have passed for the noblest Roman of the Ciceronian age. He was every inch a teacher, and always had a perfect command of the studies taught, Latin, Greek and higher English, and a great faculty of driving them into the minds of his pupils. This he did by showing them how to study by the cohesive method instead of the adhesive one, which latter means memorizing and soon forgetting, while the former means hoeing it in, as it were, so that it becomes a component part of the student's intellectual growth.

His example of living was perfect, he neither drank nor smoked, nor used tea nor coffee. While here he delivered many lectures and preached several times in the Baptist church. He was always on the alert for learning, and for that purpose he attended in 1876 the Centennial Exposition at Philadelphia with two of his Fair Haven school boys, in 1879 the Concord School of Philosophy where he met and measured wits with such master minds as Alcott, Higginson, and Emerson the Aristotle of Modern times, and in 1885 the Summer School of Languages at Burlington, where he took up French, German and Italian.

In 1880 he left our school to become Principal of Brigham Academy at Bakersfield, Vt. Here his health, never very robust, became impaired, and in December, 1885 he returned to his old home in New Hampshire, where he died Jan. 21, 1886. Four of his children reached maturity, all of them well educated and occupying important positions in life.

Zenas H. Ellis, 1877.

IN-DEED

Heard in English History:

Teacher—What were the important things in Henry VIII's reign?

Ed. Dutelle—Divorced four of his wives and had five of their heads cut off.

MAY 26 1959

JOHNSON, Peer Prescott, surgeon, was born in Wallingford, Vt., Aug. 21, 1875, son of Otis Sanborn and Marietta Blanche (Sherman) Johnson and a descendant of Edmund Johnson, who came from Wales and settled at Winnicumet (later Hampton), N. H., in 1635. From Edmund the descent was through Peter and Ruth Moulton, Edmund and Abigail Green, Obediah and Judith Brown, Enoch and Lydia Purington, Amos and Huldah Green, and Moses and Hannah Sanborn, the grandparents of Peer P. Johnson. His father was an educator. After receiving his preliminary education at public schools in Burlington, Vt, Dr. Johnson was graduated B.A. in 1898 and M.D. in 1900 at the University of Vermont. From 1900 until 1903 he was surgical house officer at Boston (Mass.) City Hospital. Since the latter year he has practiced as a general surgeon in Beverly, Mass., and has been a surgeon on the staff at Beverly Hospital. He was surgeon-in-chief at that institution from 1916 until 1953 and since 1916 has been chief-of-staff. Among papers which Dr. Johnson has contributed to medical journals are: "Retroperitoneal Perirenal Lipoma; Report of Case" (Boston Med. & Surg. Jour., Dec. 1923), "Report of a Case of Fibromatosis of Pelvic Colon" (ibid., May 1927), "Diagnosis and Management of the Acute Surgical Lesions of the Lower Abdomen" (ibid., Aug. 1927), "Acute Appendicitis" (N.E. Jour Med, Aug. 1932), "The Contribution of the Community Hospital to Better Medical Service" (ibid., Feb. 1936) and "Hemorrhage from the Gall-bladder" (ibid., Mar. 1946.) Aside from his medical interests, he has been a director of the Beverly National Bank since 1932. During 1917-22 he was a member of the Beverly School Committee and since 1914 has been a trustee of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. He also served as a trustee of the University of Vermont, ~~Medical School~~ and in 1952 was named honorary chairman of that school in the University of Vermont Development Program. During the Spanish-American War he served as a private with the 1st Vermont Volunteers. During the First World War he was a captain and subsequently lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Medical Corps and served in France as chief of surgical staff of Evacuation Hospital No. 9 in Vaubecourt. Later he was stationed in Coblenz, Germany, with the Army of Occupation and prior to receiving his discharge in 1919 he was chief surgeon at the base hospital, Camp Sherman, Ohio. With this country's entry into the Second World War in 1941, he was appointed regional medical director, Region IV, by the Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety, and by appointment of the committee, also served as chairman of the Health and Social Service of Beverly until 1944. Additionally, he was surgical consultant to the local medical advisory board during the war period. An honorary D.Sc. degree was conferred on him by the University of Vermont in 1956, and he is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. In February, 1958, he was honored as Man of the Year by the Beverly Lodge of B'Nai B'rith, and in June of that year he received the University of Vermont Alumni Distinguished Service Award. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Surgery; a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the New England Surgical Society (pres, 1935) and Boston Medical Library; and a member of the American, Massachusetts, and Essex South District medical associations, Sigma Phi, and the University Club of Boston. An ardent yachtsman, he is also a member of the Manchester (Mass.) Yacht Club and The Cruising Club of America. His religious affiliation is with the Congregational church. Politically he is a Republican. Dr. Johnson was married in Beverly, Jan. 8, 1906, to Elizabeth Gould daughter of Samuel William Torrey of that place, a surgeon, and has three children: Deborah, who married Richard Edward Alt; Elizabeth, who married John Warren Bethell; and Peer Prescott.

who were of good Quaker stock

3, terms

and honorary member of A.T.O.

1843 — 1918

Doctor Samuel W. Torrey

Doctor Samuel W. Torrey, whose portrait is seen on the preceding page, was the founder of the Beverly Hospital.

The requirements of his professional work led him first to establish hospital accommodations for his private practice, but it was soon apparent that the needs of the people called for an institution of this kind which should be available for the general public. Thereupon, the Beverly Hospital Corporation was organized and Doctor Torrey presented to it his land, building and equipment. From this gift, amplified as time went on by the money and personal effort of generous citizens, has grown the hospital of to-day.

It is fitting that acknowledgment should here be made of this indebtedness to Doctor Torrey on the part of Beverly and our neighbor towns. It is a pleasure also to recall the expressions of appreciation and gratitude which, at the time of Doctor Torrey's death, were heard at every hand.

A retrospect of the founding of our hospital tells, as by a parable, how one man, of a kindly public spirit, courageous, intelligent, generous, can leave his blessing upon an entire community.

FIRST HOSPITAL IN BEVERLY

B E V E R L Y H O S P I T A L
Cabot and Union Streets

1888 - 1890

(As it looks in 1950)

Except for the store in front, it
is much the same as it was in 1888

Six-bed hospital for surgical patients
of Dr. Samuel W. Torrey

B E V E R L Y H O S P I T A L
CENTRAL STREET

1890 - 1908

March 1, 1907

Looking from Lovett Street toward Cabot Street

Another view

Looking from Cabot Street down toward Lovett Street

THE BOSTON GLOBE -- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1907

BEVERLY SAM SAM

BEVERLY, Sept. 18--The Sam Sam held here today in aid of the hospital was a great success. The public schools, stores and a number of the factories closed their doors.

It was attended by 6000 people who appeared on the grounds all wearing a Sam Sam button, which took the place of tickets.. The button in the center contained a large red cross and the words "Sam Sam, Beverly Hospital, Sept. 18."

Special cars were run to the grounds, the fares taken being turned over to the Sam Sam committee as the Boston & Northern railroad donation.

The field was covered with tables in charge of young women, containing refreshments and useful and fancy articles. Those in charge were kept busy and at the close everything was sold and a handsome sum will be turned in to the hospital fund.

The following were the chairmen of the different tables: Lunch table No. 1, Mrs. John W. Carter, Mrs. Austin Whitcomb; lunch table No. 2, Miss E. D. Howe, Miss L. B. Kilham; lunch table No. 3, Mrs. J. A. Shatswell, Miss Alice Smith; lunch table Beverly Farms, Miss Mary D. Connolly, Miss Ella Lowe; grab bag No. 1, Mrs. John Patch; grab bag No. 2, Miss Attila Fraser, Miss Mabel Kilham; old town pump, Mrs. A. C. Lunt, Mrs. Ralph Standley; North Beverly, Mrs. William Stopford, Mrs. Edward Herrick; candy, Miss Augustus Woodbury, Miss Eleanor Brown; Red Cross, Miss Gertrude Fraser and Elsie Woodbury. The basket-ball booth was in charge of Dr. Boardman C. Burnham, and the balloon booth was in charge of I. T. Webber. Prince Ober and Roy Walker were in charge of the shooting gallery.

One of the features of the day was the automobile riding, and 25 autos were kept busy carrying passengers during the afternoon. The tickets were 25 cents each and the buyers were driven through the city, down the North Shore and back to the grounds. There was a donkey cart on the field which was put to good use and little children enjoyed riding about the grounds. This was in charge of Miss Anna Connolly, who was dressed in a hurdy gurdy costume.

The little red schoolhouse, in charge of Melville Woodbury, attracted considerable attention, and the young boys delighted in throwing balls, breaking the windows in the building, winning a prize. During the afternoon the United Shoe Machinery Band furnished the concert.

The principal attraction of the afternoon was the side show, where Dr. Harry E. Sears with his collection of freaks made the people laugh from the minute they entered the tent until they left.

Dr. John J. Martin was the "barker" and sold tickets to the crowd as fast as he could hand them out. Dr. W. G. Stickney was the ticket taker and had no spare moments to tell stories. On the stage inside were Orpheus Woodbury, the living skeleton; Reginald Johnson, Battle-Nose Pete; Fred Rulo, Laluma, the snake charmer; Joseph Robertson, Bobby Plumbingo, the tattooed man; John Smith, the blue-bearded Persian; Roland Cook, the bearded lady; Charles Cook, the Circassian lady; Warren Bulkeley, the fat boy.

The first event of the afternoon was the ball game between the business men of Beverly and Salem. The game ended in favor of the Beverly team by a score of 12 to 2. The lineup was as follows:

Beverly — W. A. Caldwell p, R. D. Standley c, R. Robertson 1b, C. W. Trask 2b, H. B. Billings 3b, J. J. Heaphy ss, E. F. Bell lf, S. D. Edwards cf, H. E. Tarr rf.

Salem — H. S. Porter p, H. B. Wheeler c, L. J. Day 1b, R. R. Morton 2b, F. W. Wade ss, J. Colby 3b, J. Sullivan cf, E. Burland rf, Edwards lf.

The Commercial club won in the interclub events with 19 points, the Republican club 14 points and the Union club 11 points. The proceeds of the affair will be added to the building fund of the new hospital which is being erected on Herrick St., and when finished it will be one of the finest institutions in the state. In the neighborhood of $4000 will be realized.

August, Saturday 21. 1875.

Peer Prescott J. was born about 4 [illegible] P.M.

August, Monday 23. 1875.

Paid Dr. J. E. Keith $6.00 in full of account.

Vermont,
Sept. 13, 1875.

Grandpa writes that you are not going to Wallingford any more, Peer will stay with him. Don't you want to see your brother Peer? You must keep warm these cold nights and mornings or you will be sick. You must be a good girl. Where is uncle Hiram? If you are to stay in New Hampshire you must learn to write letters & shall send a kiss for you and you must give my love to all. Grace wants to see you very much. In haste,

Your father.
C. J.

(Reported for the Herald)

Lecture at Fairhaven.

Editor of the Rutland Herald:—The third lecture of the course before the Reading Society in this place, was delivered by Otis S. Johnson, subject, "Wonderland," (region of the Yellow Stone), on Monday evening last, at the vestry of the Baptist church, the hall being otherwise occupied at that hour. The Professor led his select audience on a trip through this woundrous country with masterly skill and excellent good taste, as well in the choice of scenes as the choice of language and imagery description of the same. Mr. Johnson's lecture was both instructive and attractive, he marched his audience abreast with himself, leaving none behind, halting at points well chosen for observation, lingering with profound interest around especial objects and scenes of transcendent beauty in the midst of this profusion of nature. Mr. Johnson's style is unaffected and pleasing, doing no violence to the platform, he holds his hearers firmly and steadily as his theme unfolds the beautiful, the sublime, often running to giddy heights with his thrilling description of the objects and scenes with which his theme abounds.

Fairhaven, Jan. 30.

1898

Jet.
PAT
Cupid and Co.
A Joke.
PPJ.
Sophomore Banquet Trip.
Robert J.
Fort Chesterfield. Smile from Hydepark.
Sea sick.
Link.
In Facultate.
Emerson
Torrey

1898

Back Through The Years IN RETROSPECT

1897 University of Vermont Varsity Football Squad

1st row, left to right: P. Johnson, Parker, Forbes, Strong. *2nd row:* Lincoln, Lee, W. Johnson, Oatley, Keeler, Hubbard. *3rd row:* Tupper, Whelan, Taylor, Byington. *4th row:* Smith, Lawrence, Robbins, McKellow, Griswold.

The University of Vermont is celebrating 50 years of Intercollegiate football competition. Above is a picture of the first team which engaged in formal intercollegiate football. Wars have canceled several seasons since that first game played on October 16, 1897. Football on an informal basis was played many years before—certainly as early as 1891. That first year UVM won 3 games and tied 2 with the following opponents: Rutland English and Classical Institute (2); Middlebury College, Vermont Methodist Seminary, and Norwich University. During those days they played halves of 25 minutes and 20 minutes. Four members—the only living ones—of this team were invited back for this game. They are H. B. Oatley of Great Neck, L. I., W. T. Whelan of New York City, P. P. Johnson of Beverly, Mass., and A. J. McKellow of Fresno, Calif.

A LITTLE NOSTALGIA

Two out of the four living members of Vermont's first official football team—the squad of 1897—will return to Burlington this coming weekend to highlight the homecoming festivities. Mayor H. Oatley, Great Neck, L. I., and P. Johnson, Beverly, Mass., are the returning lettermen, while W. Whelan, New York City, and A. McKellow, Fresno, Calif., couldn't make it back for the occasion. Messers. Oatley, Johnson, Whelan, and McKellow, can be quite proud of the record that they set way back in the gay nineties, for it still has to be equaled or bettered by a Green and Gold team in this twentieth century. The team of 1897 went undefeated, winning three and tying two. They triumphed over Middlebury, Norwich, and Rutland Institute while being held to a standstill by Rutland (in the inaugural contest) and Vermont Methodist Seminary. The '97 outfit rode roughshod over Norwich, homecoming foe this Saturday, by a 62-4 score, and those 62 points have stood as the high water mark in the Green and Gold scoring ledger since the turn of the century. Mayor Oatley, and Mr. Johnson, Vermont salutes you and the classes of '52, '53, '54, and '55 say WELCOME BACK!!!!!

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OUT OF THE LAIR

(The following is an excerpt from Joe Williams' sports column which appeared in the New York World-Telegram and Sun in late April, last spring.) 1951

BURLINGTON, Vt., April 28—This is a pleasant place for anybody to visit. It would be particularly pleasant—and rewarding—for the presidents of the New York schools who are trying to escape the stench of the continuing basketball scandals. They might learn how to conduct college sports with sanity and decency.

It can be done. The University of Vermont with an enrollment of 3,000 has been doing it for years. The policy is simple. The authorities do not go beyond their means. Thrift is still a virtue in these parts and the balanced budget is not without respect. Cal Coolidge was a native. This may help to explain the unique attitude.

There is no mortgage on the stadium for the elemental reason there is no stadium. Yet the fields and the stands are adequate. It is with manifest pride that Larry Gardner, the athletic director, who used to play big league ball, takes you through the field house. The field house symbolizes the Vermont approach. Slow, steady, sane. The contributions for it coming from grads many of them lettermen. The University sponsors a complete, well-rounded sports' program. The over-all cost for varsity teams does not exceed $40,000. This is met without exploiting the athletes as gate attractions. They come to the University as students; they are not expected to produce the money for a service the University is pledged to perform.

Says a spokesman for the UVM Athletic Department: "We would rather point to our boys and say they're all men rather than All-American."

1917

Twelve Members of "The House of Happiness"

Top Row, Left to Right—Helen Boyden, Joanna Davenport, Constance Whitney, Margaret Pickering, Deborah Johnson. Middle Row—Virginia Gilbert, Elizabeth Field, Helen White, Rosamund Foster. Bottom Row—Elizabeth Johnson, Deborah Field, Catherine Prichard.

IN JUSTICE, AND WITH A

TO DR. PEER P. JOHNSO
W. ROGERS, JASPER R.
MER[illegible]OOD, ALL OF
MASS. 1916

In our last edition on April 6, a[illegible] in our first edition on April 7, 1916, the Boston Evening Transcript published, merely as a news item, an account of a suit which had just then been brought, in the Superior Court, against the four Beverly gentlemen above named and the Beverly Hospital, by Mrs. M. Alice Bennett, widow of Allen H. Bennett, late cashier of the Beverly National Bank.

The publication stated in brief narrative form the substance of the allegations as made by Mrs. Bennett in her declaration in that suit and also in a bill in equity brought by her in the Supreme Court last December; nothing else. The bill in equity was against other parties.

We have since then published the statement that the Court had ordered the declaration above mentioned stricken from the files.

While the proceedings of our courts are open and public proceedings, and true accounts thereof are always lawful and proper, and often of great value and importance to the public, yet in this case the Transcript inadvertently published its account of the Superior Court suit after it was started, but before the judge had taken any judicial action therein. Under the law, reports of pending suits should be made only after judicial proceedings therein and not of papers filed by litigants and on which the Court had not in some way acted, and therefore our publications were not justifiable.

We have never had any personal acquaintance or dealings with the four gentlemen named and know nothing whatever reflecting in any way upon them as men of character and standing in their community.

The record of the Transcript for the past eighty-six years proves, we believe, that we mean, and try, to conduct a clean newspaper free from scandal-mongering as such, and highly seasoned and sensational reporting, and we sincerely regret the oversight which allowed our publications to be thus made.

We apologize to the gentlemen named and withdraw and retract our publications first above referred to.

1913

Name Bennett, Mr. allan No. 2349

Residence Beverly, mass.

Name of Relative Mary A. Bennett, wife

Address 33 Lothrop st. Beverly.

Occupation Bev. Nat. Bank. Nativity

Age Sex M. White ✓ Colored S. M. W.

Diagnosis Cardiac Dilatation. Delirium Tremens.

Admitted Dec. 17. 1913 Discharged Dec. 21, 1913.

Condition when discharged

Rate Amount Paid Amount Due

Admit Physician Dr. Johnson Attending Physician Dr. Johnson

Expenses guaranteed by

Remarks

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ONE MONUMENT SQUARE
BEVERLY
MASSACHUSETTS

March 31, 1961

Memorandum to Anna Allen: Re: Allen Bennett

We ran across a brief clipping, dated 1916, from what I think is the Transcript, which has reference to the litigation that pursued us a good many years ago. I believe this clipping refers to a charge brought against me and the Trustees of the Savings Bank, based on the fact that an attorney by the name of Ulmer had persuaded Mrs. Bennett that the Directors of the Bank had been doing some crooked work and that Mr. Bennett casually had stumbled onto this fact and they wished to get him out of the way. They therefore hired me to dispose of him, which I eventually did!

The facts were something like this: At that particular moment, Mr. Bennett had been dead about two years, or more. At the time of his death, he had been drinking heavily of brandy -- a bottle or more a day -- and he was busy kiting checks. Bennett had been considered a very nice fellow and the Directors were very unhappy about this and wanted me to see if I couldn't help straighten him up from his drinking. So I took him into the hospital, where he promptly proceeded to develop delirium tremens and died. As he had been dead about two years when this matter arose, of course it was rather a surprise to all of us. I happened to be in my office one afternoon when a member of the Associated Press called me up and said he had heard I was about to be sued for causing the death of Mr. Bennett, was there anything in it? I laughed and said, "No, of course not." When I got down on the street, I found it occupied by a number of newsboys from Boston selling the Boston American and calling out about the great scandal, etc. Naturally, I was a little surprised, and more surprised when I got home and picked up my evening Transcript and found it mentioned there, in a paragraph which ended up by saying that I was being sued for $50,000 for causing a death, and that after this suit was tried I would be tried for murder. The same thing appeared in the morning Herald.

Naturally, I consulted a lawyer, a partner of Mr. A. P. Loring's , and we promptly requested the Transcript and other papers to produce an apology, which they declined to do. Therefore, for a starter, we brought suit against all three newspapers for $50,000. (Now there is a little legal point here which I might point out, and that is that anything that has been passed on by a court of course is entitled to be published, but this never had been. This lawyer had called in the reporters late in the afternoon and told them this story, and it sounded so good that they all rushed it off to their papers to get in the evening edition, which it did, without coming to the notice of the editorial staff, and this was, of

course, an illegal procedure, never having been accepted by the courts.)

The suit against the Transcript was the first one to come to trial, at a court in Newburyport. Unfortunately, I was unwilling to testify that I had been damaged financially by this report, so that I got a verdict of only $200. However, I won the case and the Herald and the American hastened to settle up.

This clipping which I enclose I think was probably published before the trial, but we didn't consider it a satisfactory apology and tried to get something better from them. Of course, I was the doctor of the Managing Director of the Transcript, who knew me perfectly well, although this clipping says he didn't know us.

From then on there were innumerable court actions, and we had this man Ulmer, who was a paranoiac, indicted for malicious slander. This case was tried in Suffolk County Court before a Jury, and Ulmer put up two alley-rat doctors who testified that I well knew the kind of treatment I gave Mr. Bennett would cause his death, so we lost the case, etc., etc. I might say that eventually this fellow Ulmer pulled off the same trick on other people, including one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, and was eventually disbarred.

I have gone into this in some detail so that you might understand the situation and perhaps hitch it onto the clipping.

P. P. J.

Peer P. Johnson, M. D.

I neglected to say that very early in this case the charge was thrown out by the Judge, so that it never came to trial.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
Office of the Surgeon General.
Washington. Nov. 2, 1917.

From: The Surgeon General.

To: Dr. Peer P. Johnson,
Co. 2, Med. Officers Training Camp,
Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.

Subject: Commission in the Medical Reserve Corps.

I am directed by the Surgeon General to inform you that you have this date been recommended to The Adjutant General of the Army for commission as Major in the Medical Reserve Corps.

R. P. Miller,
Major, Medical Corps, U.S.Army.

Lt.Col., Medical

EGB*acm

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL
WASHINGTON

December 11, 1917.

Major Peer P. Johnson,
Post Hospital,
Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

My dear Dr. Johnson:

I was very glad indeed to hear from you, and to know that you are in the south during this kind of weather. I have just been in the Surgical Division, and find that you are slated for chief of one of the Evacuation Hospitals, so I think you will probably have your wish, and I am very glad indeed to know that you are to have this work for which you are particularly fitted. I only envy you in your prospective work and wish that I might go as orthopaedic surgeon with you and I may get a chance to have a crack at the work with you yet. Please take my very best wishes that you are going to be home and see the Boys at Christmas time. Give my very kind regards to Mrs. Johnson when you get home.

Yours very truly,

E. G. Brackett

Major, Medical Reserve Corps.

LT. HELMERS, MAJOR KALZENSTEN, MAJOR JOHNSON, LT. ADAMS

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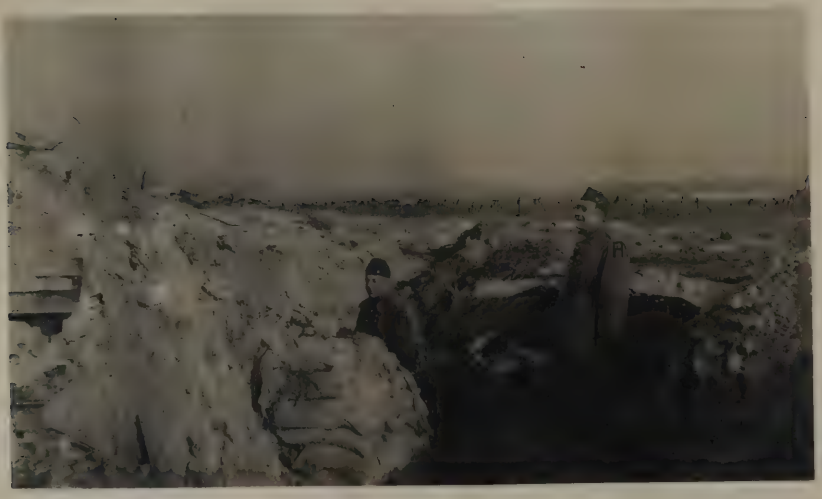


BATTLEFIELD OUTSIDE RHEIMS
MAJOR TRUMBULL AND MAJOR MOORE

GERMAN WAR PRISONER, orderly to MAJOR JOHNSON

copied from "Garden City of the North Shore" 1918

MAJOR PEER P. JOHNSON, M.D.

Was born at Wallingford, Vt., August 21, 1874. Was educated in the public schools at Burlington, Vt., and the University of Vermont, college and medical school, and the Boston City hospital.

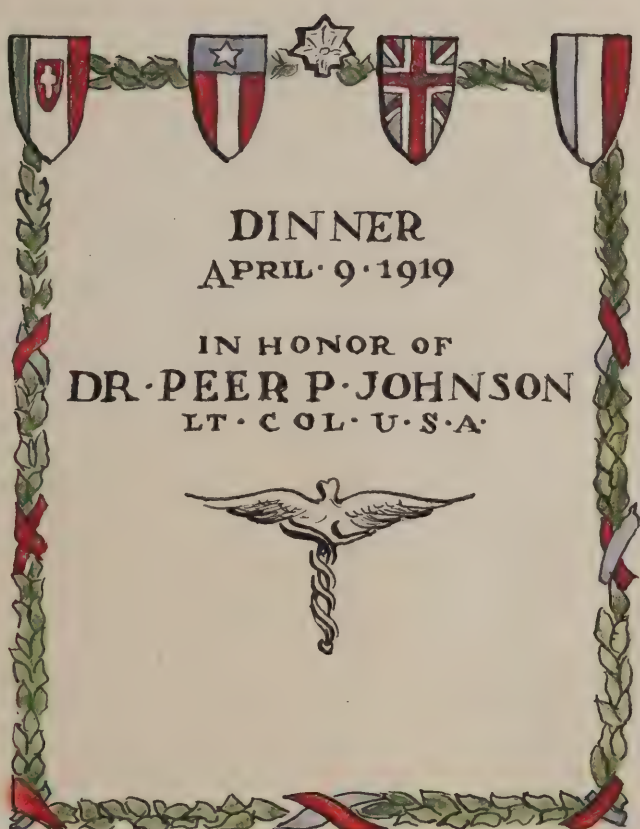
He is a well-known and successful physician and surgeon, and is surgeon in chief at the Beverly Hospital, now on leave of absence.

He is a member of the Essex South Medical Society, a fellow of the American college of surgeons, a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society, and the New England Surgical society.

He is also a member of the Union club of this city, the Myopia Hunt club, the Montserrat Golf Club, the Salem Golf club, the United Shoe Machinery Golf club, and is president of the University of Vermont alumni association.

Dr. Johnson is married, his wife being Elizabeth Torrey, daughter of the late Dr. Samuel W. Torrey of this city, and three children have been born to the couple, Deborah, Elizabeth, and Peer P., Jr.

He resides at 15 Washington Street, Beverly, and is a Major in the Medical Corps, U. S. A., and is "Chief Surgeon" of Evacuation Hospital No. 9, now on duty in France.



DINNER

APRIL · 9 · 1919

IN HONOR OF

DR · PEER P · JOHNSON

LT · COL · U · S · A ·

In a separate envelope, there is a WELCOME HOME letter to Dr. Peer P. Johnson, Lt. Col.,USA signed by every school child in Beverly. (4000)

DINNER

IN HONOR OF

PEER P. JOHNSON

LIEUTENANT COLONEL

U. S. A.

GIVEN BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

APRIL NINE

NINETEEN NINETEEN

WELCOME HOME!

Let trumpets blow that this great soldier may his welcome know

Troilus and Cressida

TOASTS

True eloquence does not consist in speech. It must consist in the man, in the subject and in the occasion.

Danial Webster

Song—America

Here is a man --but 't is before his face,
I will be silent.

Troilus and Cressida.

George D. Alderman, Toastmaster.

I am indebted to my father for living,
but to my teacher for living well.

Alexander of Macedon

S. Howard Chace.

Solo. Mr. White

He that invents a machine augments the power of a man and the well—being of mankind.

H. W. Beecher.

Ralph C. Simmons.

Ballad of the Cootie—Mr. Simmons.

Man is an animal that bargains: no other animal does this -- one dog does not change a bone with another. Adam Smith

Fred T. Nelson

Solo — Dr. Stanley

It is not by the gray of the hair that one knows the age of the heart

Bulwer.

James B. Dow

He was not naturally bad,
Or viciously inclined,
But from his early youth he had
A waggish turn of mind.

Bab Ballads.

Dr. Francis G. Stanley

Song — Pack up your troubles.

"In my" youth, said his father, "I took to the law,
And argued each case with my wife;
And the muscular strength which it gave to my jaw
Has lasted the test of my life."

Alice in Wonderland.

Samuel P. White

Song — Janifors' Chorus.

Men haye sight; Women insight.

Victor Hugo.

Mrs. Peer P. Johnson.

Song — Here's to Dr. Johnson, Drink her down!
More is thy due than more than all can pay.

Macbeth.

Lieut. Col. Peer P. Johnson

Conferring of honors.

Song — The Doctor's Farewell,
We hope you have liked your bed and board,
We hope you have liked the clime:
We hope you will come back twice a year,
And stay six months each time.

Anon.

MENU

AN' if a man can, wen pervisions hev riz so,
Eat up his own word, it's a marcy it is so.

Lowell—Biglow Papers.

FRUIT COCKTAIL

SCALLOPED OYSTERS

FRENCH FRIED POTATOES

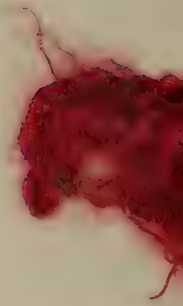
CELERY	PIMOLAS
LOBSTER SALAD	ROLLS
BOMBE GLACEE	SMALL CAKES
SALTED NUTS	MINTS

CAFE NOIR

Come what may, I HAVE BEEN blesse'd.

Byron.

WASHINGTON SCHOOL PRESS



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AMERICA

My country 'tis of thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
  Of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died!
Land of the Pilgrim's pride.!
From every mountain side
  Let freedom ring!

Our fathers' God to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by Thy might,
  Great God, our King!

BANQUET WAS TENDERED TO COL. JOHNSON

Was Presented With a Welcome Letter Signed by 4000 Children of the Local Schools.

Lieutenant Colonel Peer P. Johnson was tendered a banquet by his associates on the school board last evening at the High school and the affair proved one of rare enjoyment.

Felicitations were exchanged and the Lieut. Colonel was at his best. The program was one both unique and enjoyable. George D. Alderman chairman of the Board officiated as toastmaster and filled the position most creditably to himself and satisfactorily to his colleagues.

Vocal solos by Samuel P. White added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

The menu card was the work of the art department of the 8th grade pupils of the Washington school and the cover design was by Harry Gaylord.

Col. Johnson was presented with a distinguished service medal? By the school board, and by the teachers and supervisors with a handsome bouquet of flowers.

The menu which was most palatable was prepared by the following young ladies of the 10th grade in the High school, Myrtle Champion, Catherine Kelley, Gladis King, Mary McVey and Elizabeth Tappan.

A pleasing feature of the occasion was the presentation to Col. Johnson of a welcome Home letter prepared by the Senior class of the High school and signed by 4,000 school children of the city.

RN, in "POOR BOOB"

rocking with laughter.

s the Sun Went Down"

of the days of '49.

ND SATURDAY

OHNNY GET YOUR GUN"

Regent

THURSDAY
2.15, 6.30, 8.30

ANTONIO MORENO
in
THE IRON TEST
FORD WEEKLY

ND SATURDAY
Houdini in MASTER MYSTERY

Shot Woman and Then Took His Own Life

Westfield, April 6.—Crazed because Mrs. Katherine Powska, aged 23, wife of Joseph Powska, would not elope with him, Vincent Kardul of Buffalo, aged 32 years, shot the woman and himself last night in Chapel street.

Mrs. Powska suffered a slight wound in the right cheek.

Kardul, who put a bullet into his brain, died in a hospital.

Ten Years Ago

Fire department kept busy on gras fires.

II

PACK UP YOUR TROUBLES

Pack up your troubles in your
old kit bag,
And smile, smile, smile;
While you've a Lucifer to light
your fag,
Smile boys, that's the style;
What's the use of worrying, it
never was worth while, so
Pack up your troubles in your
old kit bag,
And smile, smile, smile.

III

Tune, Keep the Home Fires
Burning.
Janitor's Chorus.

Keep the school fires burning,
While our hearts are yearning,
For the heat to warm our feet
on meeting nights.
Read the new petition
'Tis the fifth edition
Salary raise is all the craze
Give us our Rights.

So we sit and shiver
Frozen to the liver,
When the chairs get colder, then
we sit on ice.
But the hot air flowing
From our throats so glowing
Fires our souls, we need no coals
We're warm and nice.

-- Amen--

IV.

The Doctor's Farewell.

How can we bear to leave Thee
One parting kick we give thee
And then what'err befalls ye
You go where Duty calls Ye
Farwell, Farewell Doc. Johnson, Dear
" " " " "

We think of Thee with longing
With dinner bells ding donging
Then with our last faint guying
We'll whisper soft, though lying
Farwell, etc.

FOR THERE ARE SMILES

There are smiles that make us
happy,
There are smiles that make us
blue,
There are smiles that steal
away the teardrops,
As the sunbeams steal away
the dew,
There are smiles that have a
tender meaning,
That the eyes of love alone
may see,
And the smiles that fill my
life with sunshine
Are the smiles that you give
to me.

VI

Here's to Doctor Johnson
He's mong the idols of the nation.

Here's to Chairman George
Buttressed all the schools, by Geo!

Here's to Jimmie Dow
He's our Nestor up to now,

Here's to Ralphie Simmons
Head is full of cams and pinions.

Here's to Sammie White
In debate he takes delight.

Here's to Fredie Nelson
Ready any time to sell some.

Here's to Dr. Stanley
With the carving knife he's handy.

Here's to Sethie Chace
Would that more he'd close his face.

Here's to Doctor Johnson
He cures broken legs and bunions.

Here's to Sargent, Ana
She feeds us lobster, cake, banana.

Here's to High School girls
Each and all are pearls.

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL
WASHINGTON

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June 9, 1919.

Dear Peer P.:

Your letter of May 21st at hand. I have been away from the office since approximately the date of receipt of your letter, and having returned only Saturday, have not been able to clear up a great many points, one of them that of your discharge. I, however, have taken it up today, and a recommendation has gone forward to The Adjutant General's Office for authorization of your discharge. I believe that you should receive the same within a very few days.

Major Foley, who was at Fort Benjamin Harrison while you were there, and who is still in the service, is being ordered to your hospital. He will be the senior surgeon after your discharge. Major Kennedy's discharge has been authorized, as you know, and there should be no hitch in his getting out at whatever time he sees fit, so far as I can see from this point of view. There should be no need for either you or Kennedy to remain after the arrival of Foley. This, of course, is up to the Commanding Officer, and I do not expect you to make any suggestions to him relative thereto, but simply write you this in order that you may have your point of view as well as your own.

If the service is diminishing as rapidly as you suggest, it would not seem worth while to me for many men of large caliber to be kept there any length of time. However, these facts, of course, are matters for the Commanding Officer to decide, and we all know there is a general

acting entirely upon your letter to me and of course I expect the matter to remain between "us two" as there is no authority for me in making recommendation for your discharge as I have done to day, except that I know you to be entitled to the greatest consideration x

A Lincoln

tendency toward hanging on to good men through a general dread of the future and the possibilities it presents to the mind of the average C.O.

I am very happy that you had such a pleasant association with Turnbull. I hear from him occasionally, and I think it a ---- shame that he has never received a promotion. He certainly has done splendid work from all reports that we can get of him, but seems to be one of the unfortunate who do not receive a just reward.

With kindest regards to all, I trust that you may have an opportunity to come by way of Washington on your return home.

Very cordially yours,

Howard [illegible] Snyder,
Lieut. Colonel, Medical Corps.

I realize that Col Dyer promised you discharge about June 1st and I am trying to make good and get you out of the service. Your application has not been received here I am

WAR DEPARTMENT,

OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL.

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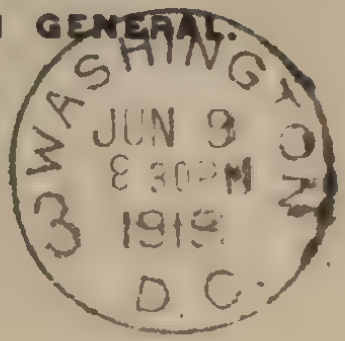

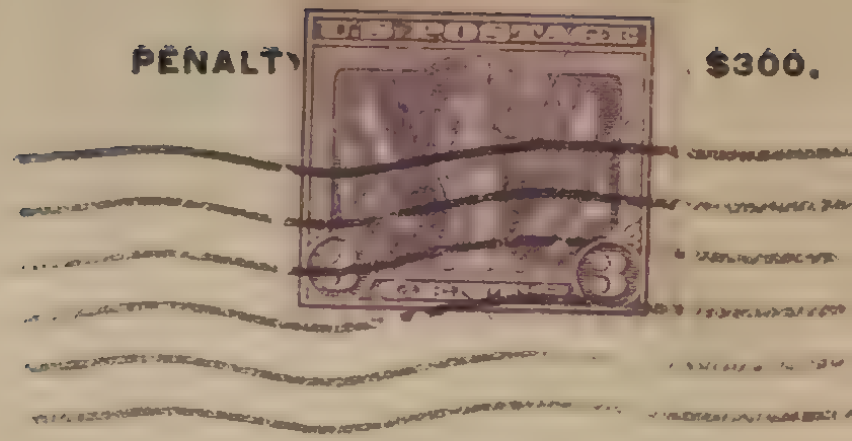

Lieut. Colonel Peer M. Johnson,

Base Hospital,

Camp Sherman,

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of Beverly, Massachusetts; born in Wallingford, Vermont, August 21, 1875; A. B. in 1898 and M. D. in 1900 from University of Vermont; fought in Spanish American War 1898; 1900-1903 Surgical House Officer, Boston City Hospital; 1903 to date, surgeon, practising in Beverly, Mass.; 1905— Chief Surgeon to Beverly Hospital; 1917-1919, Captain, Major and Lieutenant Colonel in Medical Corps of U. S. Army in France; married to Elizabeth Gould Torrey of Beverly, Massachusetts, in 1906; three children; member of Massachusetts Medical Society and New England Surgical Society; Fellow of American College of Surgeons and American Medical Association; Vice President Massachusetts Medical Society; present member Alumni Council University of Vermont.

Dr. Peer P. Johnson and his three sisters

Taken at 110 Mill on Sunday, April 22, 1923

Leirion Grace Clara Peer

Leirion (Mrs. Edward A. Appleton)
Grace Johnson
Clara (Mrs. Frederick E. Hopkins)

April 13, 1919

LT. COL. JOHNSON HOME LOOKING FINE AND FIT PAYS HIGH TRIBUTE TO "OUR BOYS"

Looking the picture of health, Lieut.-Col. Peer P. Johnson of Washington street arrived home last evening on a ten-days' leave of absence—returning at the expiration of the leave to Camp Sherman, O., where he has been assigned to duty. Mrs. Johnson went to New York to meet her husband upon his arrival from overseas and has been in New York while Lieut.-Col. Johnson was at Camp Dix before securing his furlough.

A year ago last August Dr. Johnson entered in the army medical corps with the rank of Captain and was assigned to Camp Harrison, Indiana. From there he was sent to Camps Oglethorpe, Riley and Merritt and went overseas last August with the rank of Major. He was chief of the surgical staff of Evacuation Hospital Nine and during the big drive was at Vaubecourt where the casualties were handled from the St. Mihiel drive and the fighting at Verdun, and at the Argonne forest. The hospital, well equipped, did a wonderful work during the heavy fighting and over 39,000 men were passed through it during the three months' period. With the slowing up of the fighting and the signing of the armistice, Lieut.-Col. Johnson went with the Army of Occupation to Coblenz in German territory, where he was until February when he received his orders which would allow him to come home. He arrived in New York a week ago Monday and was sent to Camp Merritt, N. J., where he found orders for his promotion to Lieut.-Colonel awaiting him. The Beverly officer is one of the best known surgeons in the state and his promotion is pleasing to a legion of friends. He paid a tribute today to the splendid spirit of the American troops and the bravery which they had shown in the heavy fighting. He spoke of the wonderful morale of the French people during the long years of fighting and spoke of the co-operation of the English and the other allies which helped to win the war. He believes that there will be little trouble from Germany, although conditions are still very much unsettled. Lieut.-Col. Johnson was busy today receiving congratulations from neighbors and friends. He will go to Camp Sherman the last of next week, but does not know how much longer he will be retained in the service.

Lt. Col. Johnson to Leave

Lt. Col. Johnson, one of the most eminent surgeans who has been at Camp Sherman base hospital has prepared to retire from the service and will return to his home and practice at Beverly, Mass. Lt. Col. Johnson is a wonderfully efficient and speedy operator and local physicians and surgeons who have attende dhis clinics say his technique is the finest evidenced by any surgeon who has thus far been stationed at the local base hospital.

JOLOMA

JOLOMA

Kindness of: Phyllis (Hinman) Baker

The Mobjack at Rocky Neck in Gloucester at the time the "Yankee" came home after 18 months at sea.

The masts of the Yankee show in the background and also some of the crowd gathered to welcome the Yankee home.

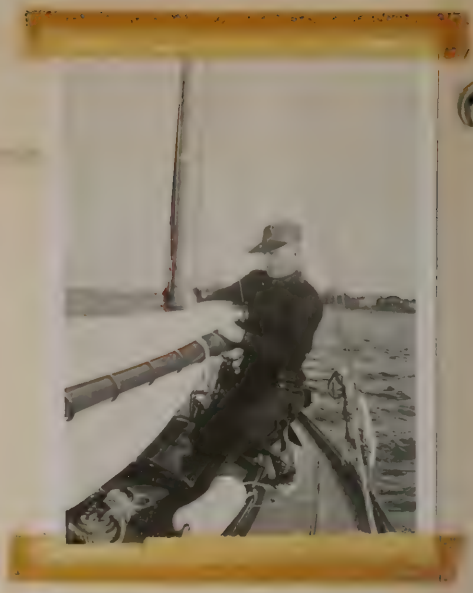
Mobjack in Rockport Harbor

Dr. Johnson is just barely visible right in line with the aftermast - talking to his skipper in the black shirt.

Kindness of: Capt. Bud Swan

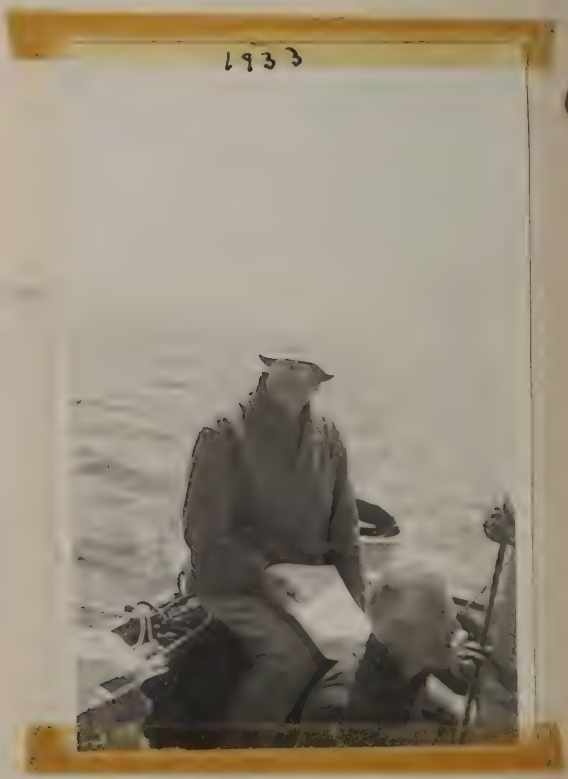
Joloma

Joloma lugging canvas
Cape Porpoise to Annisquam



Capt Bud Swan on
the Joloma

Dr. Johnson on the Joloma



Navigator - Dr. Johnson

Left - Gus Loring

Right- Fred Ayer

1945 Dr. Johnson on the Mobjack

Kindness of: Capt. "Bud" Swan

Ovensmouth, Maine

Mobjack

Dr. and Capt. Johnson
"Shooting the sun"

1941 Mobjack leaving Manchester Harbor

Dr. Johnson on the Mobjack

Kindness of: "Bud" Swan

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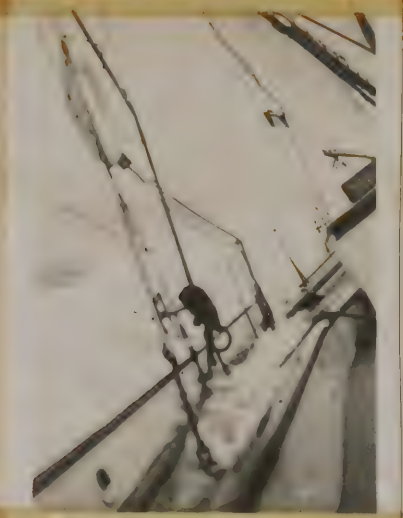
Leaving Ovensmouth, Maine 1938



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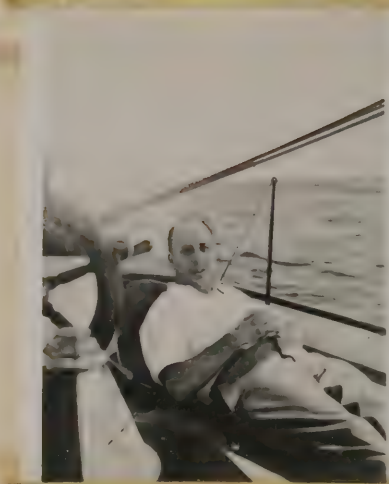
Mobjack 1940
Dr. Johnson



Dr. Tivnan 1940

Mobjack 1941

Mobjack - Taken at New Bedford
After the hurricane

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From her mooring at Beverly, Mass., on night of July 1, 1931

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ONE-LEGGED MAN FOUND ALONE ON STOLEN YACHT

Denies Larceny—Says the Thief Left Him When Craft Was 70 Miles Out

BOAT PICKED UP BY GLOUCESTER VESSEL

Minneapolis Hitch-Hiker Seasick—Never at Sea Before, He Declares

Enticed aboard the stolen yacht, Jaloma, and abandoned 70 miles from shore, Eugene Emerson, 25, one-legged Minneapolis newsboy, who had never seen salt water until he boarded the ship, was found tossing in a bunk in the cabin Friday by three members of the crew of the Gloucester fishing trawler, Raymonde. The Jaloma was brought into Gloucester yesterday. Emerson was arrested charged with grand larceny.

The yacht, property of Dr. Peer P. Johnson, wealthy Beverly physician, was drifting in crazy circles out to sea 70 miles south-southeast of Highland light when the Raymonde, in charge of Capt. John Hall, veteran Gloucester skipper, nearly ran her down in a thick fog. All her sails were flying, and her wheel had been tied fast by Emerson's abductor before he deserted his seasick companion. The man had left in the ship's tender.

DENIES KNOWLEDGE OF THEFT

Dr. Johnson reported to Beverly police several days ago the disappearance of his yacht, a sleek new 35-foot craft. Coast guard vessels have since been searching for her.

Emerson denied knowing that the yacht was stolen. He said that the genial boat thief who called himself "Johnson," lured him aboard for a trip to Newport "to watch the races."

The man is believed to have mistaken his position in the fog when he deserted the ship Friday at dawn. It was feared that he had rowed out to sea, or was drifting hungry, thirsty and exhausted far from land. Outbound vessels were asked to keep a sharp watch for a lone man in a small boat in that region.

Although the Jaloma was well-provisioned for a long cruise and well-stocked with water, Emerson was too seasick to eat anything after he and his "host" left land Wednesday evening.

NEVER TO SEA BEFORE

He said the man picked him up while he was watching people fish off the Salem-Beverly bridge. He had never seen salt water previous to that day, having spent most of his life in the Minnesota city. He said he had hitch-hiked to New York, Providence and Boston, looking for a job in a newspaper circulation department, but that his "peg leg" had proved a handicap.

Emerson, a blue-eyed, good-looking youth, told a straight-forward story of his adventures, and stubbornly refused to alter a detail of it during a severe two-hour grilling by detectives at the Gloucester marshal's office. He exhibited a "courtesy" medal presented him by the Minnesota Daily Star, and gave the name of a man in the circulation department of a Boston paper whom he was on his way to see.

The boy said that his parents died about a year before he lost his leg in an automobile accident seven years ago. He has hopes of becoming a newspaper circulation manager, he said. He studied at night, graduated from gram-

One-Legged Ma Alone

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mar school, and was saving up for an artificial limb when the depression forced him to seek a newspaper route in another city.

ARRESTED AS PANHANDLER

He "bummed" his way East, sleeping in cheap flop houses, and finally reaching the Mills Hotel, a famous Bowery resort in New York. He was driven to selling pencils and panhandling. He was arrested for panhandling and spent 60 days at Blackwell's island, but has had no other trouble with the police, he said.

Later, he saved $12 and hitch-hiked to Providence, but was unable to break in as a newsboy there. Motorists gave him a lift to Marblehead, where he spent the night Tuesday.

He was hungry, penniless, without clothing or shelter, and his one good foot ached from the hike from Marblehead, when the stranger accosted him on the bridge Wednesday night. He gladly accepted "Mr. Johnson's invitation, and helped him untie the skiff in which they rowed out to the trim little two-masted 35-foot auxiliary yacht. There, they ate a good dinner from the boat's larder.

TOOK WHEEL FOR WHILE

Although he was a landlubber, Emerson helped his new "friend" put on all the sail. They left the Beverly harbor at 8:30 P. M. In less than an hour the wind died, so they started the auxiliary engine.

The stranger took the wheel the first night, but required Emerson to navigate the yacht the following day. Although he had never been in a boat before, the boy did his best to keep the yacht on some sort of course. Finally he became violently seasick and went below. "Johnson" was asleep. Emerson asked him to take the wheel. Then he climbed into the bunk and tried to sleep.

At daybreak Friday he was awakened by the crazy rolling of the boat. He staggered on deck and found he was alone, and the tender gone.

Badly frightened, he tried to remember what castaways did in similar predicaments in sea stories which he had read. Stories of ocean horrors came to his mind. For hours he peered through the thickening fog, hoping to see or hear passing craft. He had no idea how far he was at sea.

FOUND IN BUNK

The minutes passed monotonously. His seasickness increased. He returned to his bunk, perspiring with mal de mer and terror. He did not hear the fishermen when they hailed him from the trawler Raymonde. They came aboard in a tender, and found him in a serious nervous state.

The yacht was towed back to Gloucester yesterday, where the boy was ar-

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CRIPPLE RESCUED ALONE ON YACHT

One-Legged Man Relates Weird Navigation Tale

70 Miles Off Highland Light When Saved—Held in Theft

Special Dispatch to the Globe

GLOUCESTER, July 5—Whether like John Masefield, Gene Emerson, a one-legged man, was impelled by an irresistible urge to go down to

CRIPPLE RESCUED ALONE ON YACHT

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the sea in ships and corralled a yawl yacht in Beverly to go adventuring, or whether he was near shanghaied, as he claims, the police here and in Beverly are attempting tonight to determine. They are inclined to the first supposition, that he went off on his own hook. And this is the story.

The dragger Raymonde, Capt John T. Hall, arrived in port this noon, having in tow the yawl Joloma, owned by Dr Peer P. Johnson of Beverly. On board the Raymonde was a rather slender man on crutches who gave the name of Gene Emerson and his age as 26. He constituted the sole crew of the yawl.

Sends Three to Rescue

Capt Hall was scouting around for fish Saturday, about 70 miles southeast of Highland Light, when one of the crew sighted a yawl-rigged yacht with a flag of distress in the rigging. This was about 12:30. He ran down to the craft, threw a dory over the side and sent three men to investigate. They found Emerson the sole man aboard. He was taken over to the Raymonde, which was headed for this port and arrived here about noon.

Emerson was brought to the police station and Lieut John J. Curtis was assigned to the case. As soon as an outline of his story was obtained and a Beverly connection established, Lieut William J. Tobin of that city was dispatched here. The two inspectors then quizzed Emerson as to the facts of the case.

GENE EMERSON
With Crutches He Used While on Lone Navigation Trip

His story shows him to be the most remarkable student in elemental navigation that has come to light in this port for some time.

Emerson says that on the evening of July 1, at about 8:30, he met a young man on the bridge in Beverly watching a crowd fishing. The man introduced himself by the name of Johnson. One question led to another and Johnson asked Emerson if he wanted to go to Newport to see the races.

Said He Never Went to Sea

Emerson claims he replied that he never went to sea and could not steer a course, (he appeared to be familiar with nautical phrases and the lingo of the sea), but Johnson assured him that was easy and he would teach him in a short time.

Finally after some talk they made an appointment to meet later at the bridge. Both were on hand at the stipulated time. They went down to a wharf where a tender was made fast. It was after dark at this time. Johnson rowed aboard a yacht at anchor in the bay and then explained that the other man he had shipped had disappointed him, and that between the two of them they could negotiate the trip to Newport.

They unfurled and hoisted the mainsail, got the anchor up, hoisted the jib and got underway. When outside, they started up the auxiliary engine. Then Johnson gave the wheel to Emerson and gave him the course, south-southeast, and after a short explanation of the intricacies of the compass and wheel went below and turned in.

Emerson was left alone on deck for an all-night trick. Whether he put on the side lights or not the inspectors neglected to ask him. All through the night he says it was quite foggy and he kept the craft on its course.

Tells of Disappearance

Morning broke and he says he felt sick and fell asleep at the wheel. He must have had a long sleep, for he says he did not wake up until the morning after, at which time he went to look for Johnson, but he claims that the latter was gone. There was no sign of him.

Looking over the stern where the tender had been towing, he says he found that that was gone, and he concluded that Johnson had jumped into the tender and rowed away leaving him in sole possession of the craft.

He went forward and investigated the steward's locker, which fortunately for Emerson had been stocked for a cruise for over the Fourth.

Finally feeling somewhat under the weather, he sighted the Raymonds, and signalled for rescue from his predicament.

Questioned as to Johnson he said he was a man of about 40, of distinguished appearance, wore a double-breasted blue serge coat—as all true yachtsmen do—and pantaloons and had black bushy hair, but was of light complexion, weighed about 180 pounds, had false teeth and wore tan shoes—a slip-up in a yachtsman's sartorial makeup.

Both the inspectors questioned the crippled man sharply, but he was mentally keen as a briar. He said he came from Milwaukee, and asked to be specific about the particular street, said he had lived on various streets, the numbers of which he did not give.

Finally Inspector Tobin took him in charge for Beverly. Capt Hall of the Raymond says he is holding the Joloma for towage.

Held in Larceny

BEVERLY, July 5—Gene Whitney Emerson Jr, the crippled one-man crew of the yawl Joloma brought into Gloucester after he had run up distress signals at sea, was locked up in the Beverly Police Station tonight, charged with larceny.

The yacht, which is the property of Dr Peer P. Johnson of Beverly, was stolen early last Thursday morning.

When questioned at Beverly Police headquarters, Emerson stuck to his strange story of having met a stranger on the Beverly Bridge, who induced him to ship on the yawl as a member of the crew.

Emerson has no right leg, and uses two crutches. How he managed as well as he did alone on the yacht is a mystery. He will appear in the Salem Court tomorrow morning.

He told the police that his home is in Minneapolis, where he sold newspapers on a street corner. Last Winter, he said, he went to New York, and sold papers there. Recently he decided to come up and see how he liked New England.

Shanghaied Minneapolis Newsie Held

Tells of Being Abducted in Stolen Boat—Jailed in Massachusetts.

Gloucester, Mass., July 5.—(Special)—Shanghaied aboard the stolen yacht, Jaloma, and abandoned 60 miles from shore, Eugene Emerson, 25, one-legged Minneapolis newsboy, who had never seen salt water until he boarded the ship, was found half-dead from fright, tossing in a bunk in the ship's cabin, Friday by three members of the crew of the Gloucester fishing trawler Raymonde. The Jaloma was brought into Gloucester today where Emerson was arrested, charged with grand larceny.

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Emerson, a blue-eyed good looking youth, told a straightforward story of his adventures, and stubbornly refused to alter a detail of it during a severe two-hour grilling by detectives at the Gloucester marshal's office.

Newsie Plea in Boat Theft Gets Support

Articles Missing From Yacht Found at Sea Aid His Story.

Salem, Mass., July 8.—(Special)—Hearing for Eugene Emerson, one-legged Minneapolis newsboy, on a charge of larceny of a yacht owned by Dr. Peer J. Johnson of Beverly, is set for the superior court here July 13. Emerson is now in Salem jail in default of $1,000 bail set by Judge George B. Sears before whom he pleaded not guilty.

Police meanwhile are checking a theory that the man who Emerson said lured him aboard the yacht a week ago today had steered her to Boston harbor while the boy lay ill with seasickness in a bunk below and had rowed to one of the harbor islands.

Investigation showed a pair of binoculars, food and the tender of the yacht were missing. This was believed to strengthen the boy's story of being asked aboard "to help out" by the supposed owner and then being deserted when he became sick. Emerson continues to maintain he had no knowledge the boat was stolen.

The stolen yacht Jaloma, above, was found wandering crazily at sea. Eugene Emerson, below, Minneapolis newsboy, said he was lured aboard and then deserted.

SHANGHAIED NEWSBOY WON PRIZES FOR WORK

Eugene Emerson, Minneapolis newsboy reported to have been shanghaied near Gloucester, Mass., left this city last March to hitchhike his way to the east. While in Minneapolis Emerson sold morning newspapers on the corner of Ninth street and LaSalle avenue, and won a number of prizes including a "courtesy" medal for his work. Emersons' right leg had been cut off and he used crutches. He had no relatives here as far as could be learned. He lived in a Washington avenue hotel.

CRIPPLED NEWSBOY COMMITTED TO JAIL

Minneapolis Youth Charged with Theft of Yacht

Still pleading not guilty to a charge of larceny of a yacht owned by Dr. Peer P. Johnson of Beverly, Eugene Emerson, one-legged Minneapolis newsboy, was sent to Salem jail yesterday in lieu of $1000 bail, after his case had been continued by Judge George B. Sears until Monday.

Police were checking a theory that the man who Emerson said had lured him aboard the yacht last Wednesday had steered her to Boston harbor while the boy lay desperately seasick and had rowed to one of the islands near the harbor entrance.

A preliminary survey showed a pair of binoculars, food, and the tender missing. This was believed to strengthen the boy's story, unless it could be shown that he cut the tender adrift and threw the missing articles overboard. He said he was invited aboard the yacht and had no notion she was stolen.

Newsboy Tells of Fears, Adrift in Fog on Yacht

Newsie Found on Yacht

Faces Salem Court Tomorrow On Theft Charges-Berries No Remdy for Seasickness

"Oh, I'd like to be a sailor, a sailor, a sailor:
Oh, I'd like to be a sailor, and sail the briny deep."

Eugene Whitney Emerson, jr., will step before the District Court of Salem tomorrow morning to plead to charge of stealing a yacht.

Gene declares emphatically that he did not steal it, that he was offered a ride in it, and that it had been for years his ambitions to cruise about for a spell in a yacht.

But he has had all the cruising he cares for, and to quote Gene, who has been spending the past few days at the Salem jail, "If I want to go for a boat ride again, I'll hire a rowboat on a lake somewhere, and I don't even know if I'll dare to do that."

The romance of the sea had always held an allurement for Gene, a pleasant brown-eyed chap of 25, who lost a leg in an automobile accident when he was 17, and wanders about from city to city, selling papers for a living and seeing the world. There was little romance for him last Friday, however, when he was picked up alone in the ketch "Jaloma", owned by Dr. Peer P. Johnson, of Beverly. The ketch and its lone "master" were adrift 75 miles off Highland Light and about 10 miles from Cultifator Shoals, at George's Bank, when they were overhauled by a Gloucester fisherman, Capt. Hull, and brought to safety.

'Twas a Dark and Stormy Night

Last Wednesday, says Gene, he was standing on the Beverly bridge watching a number of people fish and fell into conversation with a man who said his name was Johnson. "He looked like a prosperous business man.," he said and they talked about things in general. Then a yacht sailed by and Gene told the stranger of his long desire to go on a sail aboard a yacht. The stranger told him he owned one and asked him if he wanted to go for a ride with him.

"Did I say 'Yes'!" exclaimed Gene.

The gentlemen made an appointment to meet him at 11 p. m. and they met and rowed out to the "Jaloma". At three o'clock Thursday morning they both went to slep aboard the yacht, and telling the story, Gene said, "You would not think a guy would go to sleep in a yacht he had planned to steal and right near the shore, would you?"

Then Came Mal-de-mare

Gene confesses he was plenty scared. The boat was drifting and he decided the best thing to do was to put the lights up, as he had seen the man who called himself Johnson do the night before. But he couldn't manage the job, so he went into the cabin and resigned himself to Fate.

No More Raspberries

But even seasick yachtsmen get hungry and Gene got hungry. He could find nothing to eat aboard but a can of raspberries, so he pried them open and dined as well as possible. And now he not only never wants another yacht trip but he likewise never wants another raspberry for that meal made Gene sicker than ever. There was nothing to do for his dilemma but go to sleep, so he turned in and rested for the night.

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"She's all snug—but where's Johnson?"

...ddenly recaptured, feeling much better and having his sealegs under him Gene strode the main deck, figuring it all out. It was about this time that Capt. John Hall, aboard the Gloucesterman, gave him a hail, and there was never a happier sailor on the wide gray seat than one Eugene Emerson, of Minneapolis. Capt. Hull said that he had almost rammed the "Jaloma" the night before, just glimpsing the cabin light in time. Gene was given chow aboard Hull's craft and headed to dry land, where he was placed under arrest on a charge of stealing the "Jaloma".

He was placed in the local jail, while the authorities looked him up. But he declares that's alright, as his past is perfectly clear. The jail, he says, is a "pretty good jail" and he is well treated, but anxious to be out and off again. Next to being marooned aboard a drifting ketch, Gene most dislikes being detained within a landsman's brig.

NEWSBOY CLEARED OF TAKING YACHT

One-Legged Youth to Set up Business in Hub

SALEM, July 20—Eugene W. Emerson, one-legged newsboy of Minneapolis, was found not guilty of misappropriation of a yacht belonging to Dr. Peer P. Johnson, of Beverly, when arraigned in district court before Judge George B. Sears today.

After the case was finished, the newsie, who is 25, left for Boston, where he will run a news-stand to be established for him by a friend.

On July 3, the yacht Jaloma was seen by members of the crew of a fishing schooner moving in circles 70 miles off shore and Emerson was found sprawled in a bunk seasick. Emerson maintained he had not stolen the yacht, but merely accepted an invitation from a man known to him as Johnson to attend the Newport races on he craft. He said this man had abandoned the yacht in a small boat. He was arrested in Gloucester after the yacht had been towed into that port.

No Boat Is Safe
By FRANKLIN COLLIER
MAN ALLEGED TO HAVE STOLEN 35 FOOT YACHT.
NEXT!
WE MAY SEE OUR HARBORS FULL OF YACHT GARAGES
OFFICER RAFFERTY GRABS ALLEGED THIEF WHO NEARLY SUCCEEDED IN STEALING THE EUROPA.
WE'VE GOT TO PUT BACK CAP. WE FORGOT OUR THEFT INSURANCE PAPERS
COL GREEN HAD THE RIGHT IDEA WHEN HE HAD THAT BIG WHALER HAULED ASHORE AND SET IN CEMENT
WANT TO BUY A SHELL THAT WAS USED BY THE HARVARD CREW, BUDDY?
MAN ALLEGED TO HAVE STOLEN A SWAN BOAT FROM THE PUBLIC GARDEN IS PICKED UP TEN MILES OFF GRAVES LIGHT.

June 6, 1939

Commencement Of Long-Sought Community Enterprise At Beverly Hospital

With a large throng of directors, staff members and other spectators present, ground was broken this morning for the new half-million-dollar addition to Beverly hospital. In the top picture Stephen J. Connolly, oldest director of the institution, operates his steam shovel to dig out the first earth on the site of the new main wing, while members of the board of directors and hospital staff pause for the camera-man in the lower picture as President Frederick Ayer (with shovel) turns over the first hand shovel of soil. — (Times Staff Photos)

Beverly, Jan. 16—Another capacity crowd attended the second in the series of public health lectures at the Beverly hospital yesterday afternoon. The speakers of the day were President of the Board of Directors Frederick Ayer; Supt. Miss Mae A. Bartley and Executive Director of the Associated Hospital Service R. F. Cahalane.

A moderate amplifying system, set up in the main corridor of the hospital, carried the words of the speakers to the audience seated in temporary rows of chairs much of the length of the corridor.

All of the talks proved of much interest and were excellently delivered. Dr. Albert Parkhurst, speaking on "The hygiene of pregnancy" will

FREDERICK AYER, JR. .....

be next Sunday afternoon's lecture. The lectures are free to the public and are from 4 to 5 P. M.

President Frederick Ayer was the opening speaker yesterday and talked on the complete thoroughness of the Beverly hospital's efficiency in all its branches and departments.

"What I want to tell you about is the kind of hospital you have here in Beverly," he stated, "and what I believe about the quality of service it renders. Broadly speaking, there are two ways of administering non-profit making hospitals—by maintaining an open staff policy, or by operating with closed or carefully selected staff, and there are some graduations in between. Now this requires some explanation. It means briefly that any licensed in the community is allowed to use the facilities of the

Open Staff Hospital

to take care of his patients without supervision.

You would not have to go many miles from Beverly to find hospitals which operated on this basis of an open staff. It comes pretty near meaning that any doctor in the community with a license to practice can take care of his patients in such a hospital and do what he pleases without any check on his qualifictaions. In other words, in such a hospital a man may undertake an operation, which he is utterly incompetent to perform, with disastrous results to the patient, and the hospital assumes no responsibility in protecting the public.

The other kind of hospital, the kind we have here, is that with a closed staff. Perhaps I should explain right here that our staff is made up of two parts. First the regular staff, the men who give their time to the hospital and have charge of all the ward patients, and the specialists like the roentgenologist and pathologist who work directly for the hospital. The other part is the associate staff composed of physicians in the community who enjoy the privilege of bringing private patients to the hospital and using its X-ray, laboratory and many other facilities. A closed staff means that only those doctors approved by the directors after consultation with the efficiency committee of the staff can practice in the hospital, and then only in the field for which they are approved. This does not mean that we would refuse approval to a well-qualified man from another community with a local patient."

Much credit for the efficiency of the Beverly hospital staff, Mr. Ayer gave to Dr. Peer P. Johnson, chief surgeon, who ranks among the top of the list of the country's "10 best" as selected by the famous May brothers.

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He also credited

Supt. Miss Mae A. Bartley

and Superintendent of Nurses Miss Marjorie V. Howlett with having much to do not only with the efficiency of the non-professional workers and the nurses, but also with the atmosphere of kindliness and understanding so prevalent there and so appreciated by patients, their friends and their families.

Miss Bartley's talk was on "The personality of a hospital." Her talk was of a lighter vein, featuring the sincere endeavor made to make the patients, visitors and families feel at ease and as much "at home" as possible while doing all possible to brighten the patients' days and nights.

Following her greeting to those present she said, "In a hurried glance around this room I have noticed that many former patients and their friends are present, and in speaking of the personality of a hospital I think it is each and everyone of you who primarily contribute to making "hospital what it is

Years ago, to the layman, hospitals were thought of as just buildings to which only the dying or mentally ill were taken, and to visit these poor unfortunates was considered a very sad and painful duty. However, with every other advancement, hospital life has not stood still: in fact many of the most important discoveries of the 20th century have been directly or indirectly associated with hospitals.

"Today in nearly all towns or cities of this size we find the Community hospital. Now these hospitals are just as good and efficient as you and everyone connected with the individual place make it. Here at Beverly hospital we have tried to eradicate the word institutions and supplement it with the word home.

"Naturally, the patient is the most important person in the hospital and every department here makes a special effort to make the patients comfortable and happy. We realize, being human ourselves, what it means when a patient leaves home and the family entrusts him at this critical time to the care of total strangers."

Miss Bartley spoke of the visiting rules, the efforts made to add beauty and hominess to rooms, the efforts of dietitians to please with special cakes for birthdays, favors and extra special menus for holidays, occupational therapy to occupy the minds and hands of patients, and the volunteer workers who have charge of the library and the distribution of books to patients.

She also paid tribute to the Beverly Hospital Aid Society the Red Cross Motor corps, the Beverly police department, the board of public welfare, the board of health, other social agencies and individuals who assist by supplying transportation for clinic patients, the Volunteer Blood Transfusion squad of the American Legion and others who help to make things easier for patients and hospital workers alike.

Mr. Cahalane of the Associated Hospital service spoke on "Blue Cross." He spoke of the history of group hospitalization, its United States origin in Texas, its tremendous growth within the last few years and the wonderful possibilities for its future Operated in Massachusetts for a year and a quarter, it now has 120,000 members. New York, where it has operated since May, 1935, has over a million members.

Several changes, to be effective on Feb. 1, have been made for the benefite of subscribers in this state and Mr. Cahalane expressed the hope that eventually it would include annual physical examinations of everyone. Folders telling of the 1938 changes will be available at the hospital soon.

The Community Federation of Boston advanced the money to start the service in this state and Mr. Cahalane states that already the money had been paid back. The service is non-profit and voluntary," he stated and the board of directors, of which Mr. Ayer is a member, give their time freely without compensation in working out all of problems. The service is anskerable to the state department of public welfare and the department of inhsurance who make doubly sure that the interests of the public are safely guarded.

TURKEY SUPPER

The Beverly Rifle and Revolver club held its January get-to-gether at the club rooms on Saturday evening when a roast turkey supper was served. Two matches were fired in the evening. One of these was open to ladies and girls only and was fired at 50 feet on standard five-bull targets. The prize in this event was a sterling silver engraved rifle pin. This was won by Vanessa Spencer with a score of 94. Mary O'Shea also scored 94, but her next best target was only 92, while Spencer had three scores of 93. Both these girls are officers of the Beverly Girls Rifle Club.

The other match was handicap and was open to both rifles and pistols. The pistols fired on the Standard American target and the rifles on the five-bull N. R. A. target. Leighton B. Smith won the match with two perfect scores of 100, Walter C. Collins of Swampscott was second with two scores of 99 and Donald B. Livingston took third with 98. Smith was also high net scorer with the remarkable score of 95, Collins was second with 90 and Miss Jennie D. MacNeill third with 89.

The super was in charge of Mrs. Claire E. McNeill, assisted by Mary Hood, Vanessa Spencer, Nettie Dow, Julia Larivee, Helen Harrison, Synd Collins, Mary O'Shea and Margueri MacNeil.

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CANCER WEEK IS OBSERVED AT HOSPITAL

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Addresses Are Made On The Subject By Competent Medical Practicioners

A clinic was held at the Beverly hospital, Thursday, Nov. 16, at 4.00 P. M., in observation of "Cancer Week."

Dr. Channing Frothingham of the Peter Bent Brigham hospital, Boston, was the first speaker, the subject being "Early Diagnosis of Cancer." He specially stressed the importance of thorough investigation by both patient and doctor of the cause of pain or bleeding in any part of the body.

Dr. P. P. Johnson, Chief of the Surgical Staff of the Beverly Hospital, reviewed the year's cases of cancer at the hospital. This review brought out most strikingly the fact that too long a time elapsed between the recognition of symptoms and operation.

Dr. Isobel Bogan, Roentgenologist at the Beverly hospital, showed interesting X-ray pictures of cancer and brought out the fact of the great aid that the X-ray gave in the early recognition of cancer in all parts of the body. She also emphasized the importance of using this aid in diagnosis more frequently and earlier.

Dr. W. T. Hopkins of Lynn, discussed the papers and pointed to the importance of the earlier recognition of symptoms of cancer by the patient and the importance of consulting the doctor earlier and insisting on a thorough examination.

At this meeting the Society voted to endorse the bill which is to come before the legislature at its next session, providing for a physical and mental examination of all prisoners in the State. The proponents of the bill being the Massachusetts Civic League.

About seventy members were attendants. After a vote of thanks to the Directors and Staff of the Hospital for their part in the entertainment and program, and to Dr. F. Goram Brigham for his very illuminating talk on Insulin, the meeting was adjourned.

April 25, 1931

NEW PLAN FOR STUDY AND TREATMENT OF LOBAR PNEUMONIA TO BE CARRIED OUT AT HOSPITAL

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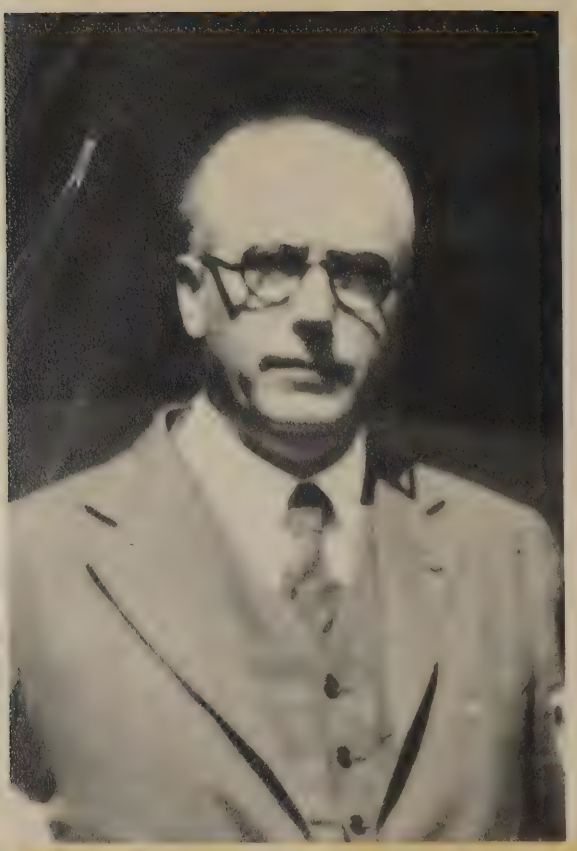
A meeting was held at the Beverly Hospital for a discussion of the study and treatment of lobar pneumonia with the new Felton antipenumococcus serum. Dr. Peer P. Johnson, was Chairman, introduced Dr. C. L. Scammon, Deputy Commissioner of Public Health of Massachusetts, and Doctor Roderick Heffron, Field Director of the study, who explained the organization of the plan to thirty-five doctors in this vicinity.

The area comprising the towns and cities of Beverly, Danvers, Middleton, Topsfield, Wenham, Hamilton, Essex, Manchester, Gloucester, and Rockport has been selected as one suitable for the study of lobar pneumonia and its treatment by the Felton concentrated antipneumococcus serum. The laboratory at the Beverly Hospital is equipped for the examination of sputum and other material essential for the purpose of this study, which has been made possible by the generosity of the Commonwealth fund of New York City, and which is being administered under the guidance of the State Department of Health of Massachusetts. Although other units will be organized throughout the state, the Beverly area is the first in operation.



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TALK ON CANCER TO MEMBERS OF SQUARE AND COMPASS CLUB GIVEN BY DR. P. P. JOHNSON

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Dr. Peer P. Johnson gave a most interesting and instructive talk on "Cancer" at the meeting of the Square and Compass club in Masonic headquarters last evening. There was a large and interested attendance the members giving the closest attention throughout the talk. At the close a light collation was served.

Dr. Johnson stated that the principal object of his talk was to dispel the erroneous ideas which the public hold in regard to cancer. The prevailing opinion among people is that cancer is an incurable disease and, therefore, there is no reason to have anything done when they learn that they have it This conception is entirely false. Cancer is not primarily a blood disease, but always a local disease, if taken in time, can be cured. During the past year some 100,000 people died of cancer, and of these from 20,000 to 25,000 are women dying of cancer of the reproductive organs. It is not exaggeration to say that a large per cent of these deaths could have been avoided had the sufferer received proper care at an early stage. the curability of cancer depends on the early recognition by the patient that something is wrong.

Now, while we do not know what the exact thing is which causes cancer there is sufficient evidence to indicate that is always preceeded by a non-cancerous condition. The non-cancerous conditions are the chronic irritations which almost invariably give symptoms. If these chronic irritations are attended to cancer can be eradicated. These pre-cancerous conditions are moles and warts which have become inflamed, chronic sores on various parts of the body and chronic lacerations incident to child birth, etc. As has been said, these conditions almost always give symptoms which should lead their possessor to consult a physician and demand of him a careful examination. Pain is not one of the early symptoms of cancer, as a matter of fact, most cancers are entirely painless until they have reached the late stage, so that the absence of pain is no evidence that something serious is not going on. This is unfortunate because pain is a symptom to which most people will pay attention. Cancer itself is a mass of normal epithelial cells growing in an abnormal way. Cancer is probably not hereditary and is certainly not contagious. When a cancer is superficial on the skin or mucous membrane it is readily cured by radium or the X-Ray. Radium is also a valuable agency for the relief of incurable conditions or used in conjunction with surgery. Our main hope, however, still rests in surgery done while the disease is early. When an operation is done at so early a stage in the disease that one cannot be sure he is dealing with cancer, even though the microscope shows it is a cancer, from 80 to 100 per cent of cures may be expected. When the disease has progressed to the stage where there is no doubt about its being cancer only from 20 to 30 per cent of cures can be expected. Attention is called to these facts merely to emphasize the need of an early operation.

Our great cancer mortality, then is due largely to the ignorance of the people of the true nature of the disease, and delay in seeking relief. It is important then for each one in the audience to pass along this information in order that knowledge of this subject may be widely disseminated, for it is only in this way that we may cut down a great number of yearly deaths.

To sum up then, in the majority of instances there is always a stage when cancer is curable. It is always at first a local disease and is in this stage that the chances for a cure are great. After a varying period of time cancer cells spread through the lymph streams to various parts of the body, at which time it is uncurable. There are always signs by which one may know that they need advice chronic sores, and moles and warts that have begun to increase in size, bloody discharge from rectum, changes in normal menstruation and irritating discharges, etc. At present, surgery, Radium and less rarely, the X-Ray are our only sure means of irradicating disease. Avoid the numerous advertised "cancer cures", they are a heartless swindle. Consult a doctor early insist upon a careful examination and be quickly responsive to the doctor's advice.

1929

Beverly Hospital Campaign Gets Off to Good Start

Frederick Ayer, President of the Hospital, Who Heads the Committee Now Seeking $500,000; Fred Moser, a Grateful Small Patient Back for a Visit, and Dr. Peer P. Johnson, Chief of the Surgical Staff.

Beverly Evening Times -- Thursday, December 19, 1929

DEDICATE TABLET IN MEMORY OF DOCTOR SAMUEL WILLIAM TORREY AT THE BEVERLY HOSPITAL

ADDRESS HONORING FOUNDER OF COMMUNITY INSTITUTION GIVEN BY HONORABLE AUGUSTUS P. LORING -- TABLET UNVEILED BY MISS DEBORAH JOHNSON, GRANDDAUGHTER OF DR. TORREY.

With simple, yet impressive exercises, a tablet in memory of Dr. Samuel William Torrey, founder of Beverly Hospital, was dedicated at the Hospital yesterday afternoon, in the presence of many friends of the physician and surgeon whose interest made possible the start of the splendid institution which today so well serves Beverly and many other North Shore Communities.

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There had been a Doctor Torrey practicing medicine in Essex County for over one hundred years. His grandfather, Dr. Joseph Torrey, lived in Salem during the early part of his life, but later moved to Beverly, and was succeeded by his son, Dr. Augustus Torrey, who I well remember, and he in turn by Dr. Samuel W. Torrey, whose memory we commemorate today.

Dr. Torrey had his primary education in the Beverly Schools, and entered the University of Vermont, where at the age of seventeen he was afflicted by the deafness which he bore for the rest of his life. He was graduated from college in 1864, and volunteered as a soldier in the Union Army. Rejected on

account of his deafness, he served as a clerk in the quartermaster's department in Virginia. At the end of the war he pursued his medical education in the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York, receiving his degree in 1868, and he at once began the practice of his profession with his father in Beverly.

In the twenty years after Dr. Torrey began his professional career, the theory and practice of medicine was revolutionized by the discovery of the germ origin of disease, and the practice of aseptic surgery gave it the leading place in the alleviation of human suffering. Although enjoying a wide medical practice, the new knowledge, and his deafness, led Dr. Torrey more and more to the surgical branch of his profession, and he specialized in gynecology, in which he rapidly earned enviable distinction. He was remarkable for the sureness and accuracy with which he determined his patient's disease.

He was a pioneer in recognizing that surgical operations could not be performed or serious disease be adequately treated in the average home, and as there was no hospital in Beverly, he established a small private hospital of six beds for the treatment of surgical cases. This was not a money making venture, and with the assistance of some of his friends, he took several patients who could not pay their way. The demand for hospital treatment of all kinds was so insistent, that he removed the hospital to more spacious quarters on Central Street, and extended its facilities to other physicians.

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Following the dedication, tea was served by Miss Margie E. Grant, the superintendent, Miss Catherine Grantfield, assistant superintendent and the head nurses at the hospital.

1927

GRADUATION EXERCISES ARE HELD

Nine Nurses Receive Diplomas—Finish The Course Of Instruction In Training School

Graduation exercises of the class of 1924, Beverly Hospital training school took place at the Unitarian parish house on Federal street last evening and were attended by a large number of relatives and friends of the graduates, friends of members of the training school classes and of the hospital. Nine graduates were presented with diplomas and class pins. The stage was prettily decorated with potted plants and cut flowers.

A pretty picture was presented as the graduates, in their hospital uniforms marched to the stage and were greeted with the plaudits of the audience. The program opened with prayer by the Rev. Dr. Howard Charles Gale, minister of the First Parish Unitarian church. A cello solo by Miss Esther Pierce, with Miss Beatrice Brown, accompanist followed and was much enjoyed.

Mrs. Clarence O. Hood of the Hospital Aid association and a member of the board of directors gave an interesting report on the splendid work accomplished in the training school which has forty two student nurses taking up the nursing course.

Chester C. Pope of the Board of directors paid a tribute to Patrick J. Lynch who passed away on Sunday. He spoke of the long service on the board, his interest in the work of the hospital, his many activities, his well spent life and the loss to the community in his passing.

Albert Boyden of the board of directors gave the address of the evening, based upon the theme good reading. Urging the reading of good books, Mr. Boyden said that such a course would make the world more interesting to the nurses and the nurses more interesting to other people. Miss Pierce pleased with another cello solo with Miss Brown playing the accompaniment.

ALBERT BOYDEN, Who Gave The Address At the Nurses' Graduation.

Then came the most interesting part of the program to the graduates, their relatives and friends, the presentation of the diplomas and class pins by Dr. Peer P. Johnson, head of the hospital staff. Dr. Johnson happily extended congratulations to the graduates upon the successful completion of their course, spoke of the opportunities of their profession to bring health and happiness to their patients, and urged them to maintain the high ideals of the training school in the careers they had chosen to follow.

The diplomas, tied with the class colors, blue and gold and the class rings were presented to the following graduates, Florence V. Peabody, Bernice M. Leighton, Helen C. Carleton, Marjorie M. McEachern, Evelyn A. Howard, Florence L. Stobart, Pearl W. Kennedy, Gertrude M. Mercer and Elizabeth A. Cummings.

Following the formal program there was a reception for the members of the graduating class, dancing and refreshments. The ushers were Dr. Ralph E. Stone, Dr. Albert E. Parkhurst and Dr. Ira F. Pidgeon.

Graduation exercises of the senior class of the Beverly Hospital Training School for nurses, will be held at the Unitarian parish house on Federal street, on Monday evening, May 12. A reception and dance will follow the formal program.

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DR. P. P. JOHNSON GIVES TALK ON RADIUM TO BEVERLY HOSPITAL NURSES ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

At the Alumnae meeting held in the Nurses' Home last evening, Dr. P. P. Johnson gave an informal talk on radium. Inasmuch as last week was observed as "Cancer Week" by the State and radium is used, among other things, for the treatment of cancer, this talk was opportune.

Dr. Johnson demonstrated that radium can also be used for benign lesions of the skin without leaving any disfiguring scars and showed cases to illustrate.

He stated that cancer appears to be on the increase and the results in the cure of cancer are not better now than they have been for a great many years and that unless it is treated in its early stages, it is impossible to entirely eradicate the disease. While it is not known what the exact thing is which causes cancer, there is sufficient evidence to indicate that it is always preceded by precancerous conditions which if not remedied cause cancer. The pre-cancerous conditions referred to are birth marks, moles, warts on the surface of the body which are subject to irritation and become sore and inflamed. Or ill-fitting false teeth which irritate the gums. The most frequent pre-cancerous condition are the simple little nodules or thickenings in the breast and lacerations incident to child birth. One should make it a general rule, that when anything abnormal is noted about the body, or about the body discharges, such as blood in urine, blood in stools or abnormal menstrual flow, a physician should be consulted at once. During the early stages, the chances for cure are great. When a cancer is superficial on the skin or mucous membrane, it is readily cured by radium or x-ray; however, after a varying period of time, cancer cells spread through the lymph streams to various parts of the body at which time it is incurable.

Radium is also a valuable agency for relieving of incurable conditions or used in conjunction with surgery.

Radium, of course, is one of the most valuable chemicals ever discovered. It has revolutionized a great many of the physical laws' such as the construction of the atom, etc., and it is one of the agencies which never stop working. Men have tried for years to discover the law of perpetual motion. Radium radiates heat and light without any visible source of supply and it cannot be stopped by any known means. It was discovered accidentally by Madame Cure quite some years ago, primarily in the search to find a ray like the roentgen ray. She developed a chemical so rare and so valuable that she did not have enough money to get a little of it for herself so $150,000 was raised in this country so that she might have 15 grs. We are very fortunate in having 1 1-2 grains of radium at the Beverly Hospital. This is enough to give everybody in the world a small portion and yet be able to detect it on each person by the means by which we have for the detection of radium.

Radium was obtained originally from the uranium ore and the chief supply was in the U. S. up to within a few years ago. When it took 500 tons of ore to manufacture 15 grains of radium, the cost was tremendous. That accounts for the excessive cost of $150,000 for 15 grains. More recently in Africa in one of the copper mines, an ore was discovered very much more richer in radium. It now only costs $17,000 for 15 grains.

Preceding Dr. Johnson's talk, the Nurses' Glee Club under the direction of Walter Heath and accompanied by Mrs. Heath on the piano, gave several delightful selections, and Miss Lelia Silveira sang very charmingly. Following Dr. Johnson's talk, a collation was served.

April 1928

ORTHOPEDIC SURGEONS AT BEVERLY HOSPITAL CLINIC

Orthopedic surgeons from three states attended the clinic at the Beverly Hospital, one of the features in connection with the meeting of the Boston Orthopedic club at the hospital on Monday. There were seventy surgeons, leaders in their profession, representing Maine, Massachusetts and Rhode Island attending the most interesting clinic in the afternoon when Dr. Peer P. Johnson, chief of the hospital staff and Dr. John Adams of the staff at the clinic showed several bone cases which had been successfully treated at the Beverly institution. Dr. Adams discussed a new operation for treating injuries to the scaphoid bone of the wrist and showed cases where it had been carried out with success.

Following the clinic the visiting surgeons were shown about the hospital one of the finest in the state and much in the way of commendation was given the officials and the staff for the splendid equipment and the success of the work accomplished at the institution which serves many North Shore communities. Dr. Johnson and Dr. Adams were hosts for a dinner which followed the tour of inspection. After the dinner, the members of the club and their guests listened to a most interesting and instructive talk by Dr. Harry Platt of Manchester, England, secretary of the British Orthopedic society. Dr. Platt talked on the recognition and treatment of rupture of the tendon Achilles and extensor longus pollicus.

1929
Beverly Hospital Campaign
to raise Funds

Dr. Johnson 1929

of the surgeon-in-chief whose consideration for all classes of patients has become a by-word in the community.

A girl handed me a news clipping yesterday about the big drive for funds for the good old Beverly Hospital, but the amounts already given, from $50,000 down, made me think that there was not a chance for the little fellow to contribute his mite, until I read of the donations of $10 or so, and I says, "Sam, old boy here is where you can surely give that mite to the good hospital and people who used you so good and did so much for you." So, I am sending a ten-spot to the whitest doctor who ever lived, who plays no favorites and uses everybody alike. It will at least buy a few cases of gingerale to allay some poor fellow's thirst like the one I had the first night after the operation, and, believe me, them good sisters gave me all that I could hold, and then some.

I hope, and have no doubt, that the drive will be a success, and my only regret is that I cannot make my mite $10,000, for I would do it without a second's thought if it were possible.

Contributions and pledges should be sent to A. P. Loring, treasurer, 82 Devonshire street, or to Chester C. Pope, care of the Beverly National Bank, Beverly

JUNE 4, 1929

PLANNING NEW LABORATORIES AT HOSPITAL

Dr. Charles Branch Elected Director—Officers Elected At Annual Meeting

Plans for the inauguration of new laboratories at the Beverly Hospital, which will place the community institution among the best in the country, were announced at the annual meeting of the Hospital Corporation, held last evening. The appointment of Dr. Charles Branch as director was made known at the meeting. Frederick Ayer, the president of the corporation, presided at the meeting. Albert Boyden was re-elected clerk, Augustus P. Loring, treasurer, and Chester C. Pope, assistant treasurer. Stephen J. Connolly, Mrs. Clarence O. Hood, Charles C. Walker, Frederick Ayer, Dudley L. Pickman, Jr., David S. Lynch were elected directors for a three year term; Mrs. William H. Coolidge of Manchester for a two year term, and Mrs. Bertram P. Floyd and Robert Robertson, for one year. New members of the corporation elected were: Mr. and Mrs. William H. Coolidge of Manchester, Mr. and Mrs. Bertram P. Floyd and Dr. Clarence O. Hood, and Fred W. Varney of this city. Mr. Connolly, for the committee on the nurses' home, reported that the home was finished with no extras above the original contracts and for a sum within the appropriation.

The announcement of the establishment of new laboratories, with every modern improvement, proved of much interest, for it will give to the communities the Hospital so well serves, all the advantages enjoyed by the larger hospitals in the country. Dr. Branch, assistant pathologist at the Boston University Medical School and pathologist at the Massachusetts Homeopathic Hospital, who has been appointed director of the clinical and pathological laboratories, is a graduate of the University of Vermont academic and medical schools. While at the University he was an instructor in history and following his graduation studied with Dr. Mallory, of Boston, one of the foremost pathologists in the country and spent a year in Philadelphia in special training for the work. Miss Alberta Batchelder of Wenham, a graduate of Simmons College and who has been doing post-graduate work at the Leonard Morse hospital in Natick, was appointed assistant to Dr. Branch and laboratory technician. The establishment of the new laboratories gives to the Beverly Hospital scientific department an equipment and a staff which will enable it to carry on its program to make the institution one of the [illegible]

1928-29
Dr. Johnson Vice-President of
Massachusetts Medical Society

Dr. Peer P. Johnson represented the Massachusetts Medical society of which he is Vice President at the annual congress of the medical education, medical licensure and hospitals which was held at the Palmer house in Chicago this week. Leading medical men and hospital authorities of the country took part in the program which covered the consideration of medical education, modern teaching of clinical medicine, medical schools and teaching hospitals, teaching of related medical subjects, hospitals for convalescents, hospital internship, state medical licensure, law enforcement, clinical laboratories and radiology.

October 26, 1931

CITY MOURNS PASSING OF ROLAND W. BOYDEN

ROLAND W. BOYDEN, WHO passed away suddenly Sunday morning.

BEVERLY MAN WHO SERVED THE NATION IN IMPORTANT PLACES STRICKEN AT CHURCH SERVICE

Prominent as Attorney and Interested in Every Worthy Local Cause—Death Comes as Shock to Community—Funeral Services Wednesday Afternoon at 2:45 O'Clock 10.26.31

Roland W. Boyden, honored by the United States government in many appointments of national and international importance, prominent attorney and Beverly's foremost citizen, died suddenly while attending services in the First Parish church, Sunday morning. News of the passing of Mr. Boyden, who was apparently in the best of health, came as a shock to the community. Serving his nation, city, the state and the nation, prominent as an attorney, active in many interests for the upbuilding of Beverly and a supporter of every worthy cause, Mr. Boyden had won a place in the heart of the community achieved by few men. He was 68 years of age and his life was one marked by generous public service. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock in the First Parish church.

Mr. Boyden, with his cousin, Mrs. George E. Barton, who has been visiting at the Boyden home, 12 Washington street, attended the morning service in the church and were in the family pew. Mr. Boyden was stricken soon after the service commenced and friends noticed his collapse. He was taken to the vestibule of the church and later to the Beverly hospital, where Dr. Peer P. Johnson, long a close friend of Mr. Boyden, who was at the hospital, said that Mr. Boyden had passed away of a heart attack. The services at the church were conducted by the Rev. Fred R. Lewis, minister of the church, as usual and the passing of Mr. Boyden was not learned by members of the congregation until after the service.

October 1, 1934

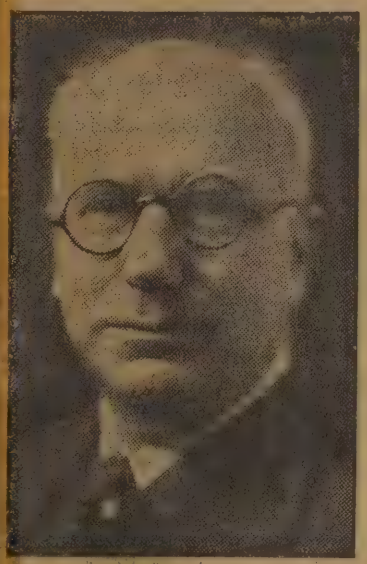
Dr. Peer Johnson Heads N. E. Surgical Society

Chief of Staff of Beverly Hospital Honored by Group At Annual Session in Vermont; Dr. W. G. Phippen, Salem Re-Elected Association's Recorder

(Special to the Times)

BURLINGTON, Vt., October 1—Dr. Peer P. Johnson of Beverly, Mass., was elected president of the New England Surgical society Saturday morning at its 17th annual session here.

HEADS SURGEONS



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DR. PEER P. JOHNSON

Elected President of the New England Surgical Society at Annual Meeting on Saturday.

Dr. Johnson, who was treasurer during the past year, succeeds Dr. F. B. Sweet of Springfield, Mass.

Dr. W. G. Townsend of Burlington was elected vice president, to succeed Dr. Channing Simmons of Boston, and Dr. R. G. Miller of Hartford was elected to succeed Dr. Johnson as treasurer. Dr. J. M. Birnie of Springfield and Dr. W. G. Phippen of Salem, Mass., were relected secretary and recorder, respectively.

The society is limited to 110 members, and 94 were present. It was voted to hold the 1935 meeting at Manchester, N. H.

Dr. Peer P. Johnson, who on Saturday was elected president of the New England Surgical society, is a prominent member of all leading medical and surgical associations in the United States.

He is chief of staff of the Beverly hospital, a director of the Beverly National bank and is active in all community and civic movements. He is married, has three children, and makes his home at 15 Washington street.

As a colonel in the medical service, Dr. Johnson served overseas during the World War. He is a graduate of the University of Vermont Medical school.

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WORLD FAMOUS SURGEONS AT CLINIC HERE

Dr. Peer P. Johnson In Demonstration of Fractures

In conjunction with the annual convention of the American College of Surgeons meeting in Boston this week, a fracture clinic was held at the Beverly hospital this morning. This clinic was arranged by Dr. Peer P. Johnson of this city, and Dr. John D. Adams of Boston and was attended by over 50 surgeons from various parts of the country and abroad.

The clinic was planned more or less as an informal discussion of the various types of fracture and the treatment therefor.

Thirty-five cases representing almost every type of fracture, the various complications, and the various modes of treatment were discussed. X-rays were shown of the original fracture, X-rays taken during treatment and at discharge from the hospital and finally the end result, months to years after the injury. The patient was also shown as living example of the final result.

The cases were discussed by Doctors Johnson and Adams and interesting points were brought out by the others.

After the clinic, the guests were taken through the hospital on a tour of inspection, and following this dinner was served.

Some of the men from out of the state and country attending the meeting were: Dr. Carter from Wisconsin, Dr. Kennedy from New York City, Dr. Azuilar from Santander, Spain, Dr. Henderson from Mayo Clinic, Rochester, N. Y., Dr. Charles Goodridge from Brooklyn, N. Y., Dr. Howard Goodridge from Hannibal, Missouri, Dr. Clarke Young from Salt Lake City, Utah, Dr. John Beverly Moore from Benton, Ill., Dr. Samuel Herdman from Taylorville, Ill., Dr. Joe F. Shuffield, Little Rock, Ark., and Dr. George M. Sabin, Burlington, Vt.

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Aboard 'Yankee'

Lecture Proceeds for Beverly Hospital Aid Association

By ELEANOR FREEMAN

A WORLD OF ROMANCE and adventure spelled with a capital A were described last evening in the lecture which Capt. Irving Johnson gave in the auditorium of the Beverly high school. The lecture, to benefit the Beverly Hospital Aid Association, was attended by a large gathering of North shore summer residents.

Capt. Johnson and his bride have recently returned from a world voyage in their ninety-foot schooner, "Yankee," and it was of their experiences during their eighteen months cruise that Capt. Johnson told. With them were a crew of fifteen amateurs, most of them college boys and girls. Among them were Miss Deborah Johnson and Mr. Peer Johnson, Jr., children of Dr. Peer Johnson of Beverly who introduced the speaker.

Schooner Was Dutch Pilot Boat

The adventures of the "Yankee as related by its skipper and shown in motion pictures were as exciting and unusual as one could wish for. The schooner was formerly a Dutch pilot boat, used in the North Sea, and was sturdily built to withstand even a cyclone in the Indian Ocean. In addition to Mrs. Johnson and Miss Deborah Johnson, there was one other woman aboard—Miss Betty Schuyler of Rochester, N. Y. Capt. Johnson was very careful to point out that the women worked fully as hard as the men—navigating, keeping charts and watches, and mending sails.

The lecturer possessed the rare ability of talking to his audience in the natural way that one would to a group of friends—which made everything seem especially vivid. We were particularly interested in the pictures of Pitcairn Island (of "Mutiny on the Bounty" fame). In that region, the travelers discovered five uncharted islands, one of which they named for their boat, which also had the distinction of being the first American yacht to enter the harbor of Bangkok, Siam. Quite a record!

Some of the most exciting movie shots—and ones which everyone in the audience gasped at—were taken at the Kaiteur Falls in South America which are four times as high as Niagara Falls. A few of the party had flown up there with an American pilot and had landed above the falls to take some pictures. Then the plane made one of the most unusual take-offs we've ever heard of. It ran down the river and right off the edge of the falls, thus "taking off" 800 feet in the air. Fortunately they had the camera trained down on the falls at the times, and the result was a beautiful view of falling water and rising mists.

One of the largest dinner parties before the lecture was given by Dr. and Mrs. Peer Johnson. Mrs. Johnson wore a gown of deep coral chiffon and an evening wrap of black velvet. Her daughter, Miss Deborah, chose a lovely frock of pale green lace and a bright orange mandarin coat. Mrs. Johnson's other daughter, Mrs. John Bethel also attended, wearing a gown of soft yellow chiffon and a mandarin coat of black embroidered with turquoise. Mr. Bethel was present, too, as was Mr. Peer Johnson, Jr.

Other dinner guests of the Johnsons were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Prince, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Ayer, whose son Ethan Ayer attended, Miss Barbara Gage and Mr. Richard Alt. Mrs. Prince wore a charming costume of taffeta. Her gown was of fine black and white checks, fashioned with pleating on the skirt and a double pleated collar. Her coat, also of taffeta, was black. Mrs. Ayer chose a gown of turquoise printed with brown and white figures, and Miss Gage wore black chiffon, with a cluster of red flowers on the bodice.

Also enjoying the lecture were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pratt McKean, with Mrs. McKean wearing an unusual tunic gown of deep turquoise taffeta and a white wrap. Mrs. Charles Fanning Ayer covered her black crepe gown, flowered with rosebud bouquets, with a white quilted taffeta wrap. Miss Mary Curtis wore an ensemble of dark purple—a chiffon gown and a short velvet cape which was most becoming with her light auburn hair. Mrs. Alexander Steinert wore a black chiffon gown with a matching velvet wrap, as did Mrs. George S. Mandell.

In a party of four were Mrs. Mandell's grandchildren, Miss Emily P. Rice, wearing a midnight blue organza frock with a short white cape, and Mr. Charles G. Rice, 2d; Miss Margaret Kenway, in white flowered chiffon, and Mr. Quirin Kennard. Others were Miss Elise Sortwell in black satin with a short white pique jacket, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Merrill, Mr. Henry Wise Wood, Mr. Norman Vaughan, Mr. and Mrs. George Dike of Chestnut Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Shreve, and Miss Sarah Torrey.

North Shore Breeze

THERE is just one thing we'd love to do before we die, and that is to go around the world on the "Yankee" with Captain Irving Johnson and his wife, because night before last we heard him tell about his trip at the Beverly High School auditorium. Really you just could hardly believe that such places exist as he showed us. Everything about the cruise sounded wonderful, and from the way he talked nothing seemed to have gone wrong. They weren't eaten by whales when whaling; weren't attacked by ferocious looking natives, and the crew was swell. It was no easy job getting along with one another for eighteen months, on a small schooner, but Captain Johnson couldn't say enough about them. No mutiny aboard! There were three girls aboard that stood four-hour watches with eight hours off all the way, through the worst storms, just like the boys. Dr. Peer Johnson introduced the Captain to us, and told us of his special interest in the cruise as his own daughter was on the "Yankee," so it is no wonder! By the end of the evening everyone was fired with enthusiasm

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World Tour

Summer and winter residents of the North Shore, alike, came out in full force to go round the world in the "Yankee" with Captain Irving Johnson at the Beverly High school auditorium last evening, for the benefit of the Beverly Hospital Aid Association.

Dr. Peer P. Johnson, equally distinguished as a surgeon and as a parent of two members of the "Yankee's" crew, introduced the speaker. His daughter, Mrs. John Bethel of Essex, brought her dinner guests to the lecture, including her sister, Miss Deborah Johnson, who looked as charming in her orange mandarin coat as she looked competent at the wheel of the "Yankee" in the movies of the trip which Captain Johnson showed.

Another dinner-party present included Mrs. Harold J. Coolidge, in black chiffon, her son, Harold J. Coolidge, and his wife who wore a lovely bright yellow velvet coat over a white taffeta gown, Miss Theodora Perry in burnt orange, and her brother, Carroll Perry, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Mandell were there, and nearby was Mr. Mandell's mother, Mrs. George S. Mandell, and his cousin, Thomas E. Proctor, 2d. Turquoise blue was worn by Mrs. Frederick Ayer, who came with her husband, and Miss Caroline Saltonstall, who came with her knitting. Others who listened interestedly were Mr. and Mrs. Lovell Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Lincoln Boyden, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Francis Fiske, and Mr. and Mrs. Archer D. Friend, all of Beverly, and Mr. and Mrs. Standish Bradford. Interest in the audience was at its height during the description of battles of Siamese fighting fish in their native haunts.

Many members of the younger set were there, several of them going on to the newly opened Casino in Magnolia afterwards. Miss Marian McKean, whose interest in boats and skill in handling them is well known, was with Miss Nancy Leiter and Russell Burrage, Jr. Miss Elise Sortwell who wore a short white pique jacket over a black satin dress, was a representative of the newest crop of debutantes present, and also there were Miss Nancy Cochrane, in navy blue and yellow taffeta, and Norman D. Vaughan, a fellow explorer.

Two very young members of the audience were Miss Rosemary and Miss Gere Merrill, who were with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Merrill. Mrs. Robert Steinert wore a cool flowered organdy gown, and with her and Mr. Steinert were Mrs. Samuel Newman, in pale green, and Mrs. Alexander Steinert. Miss Barbara Gage, one of the most hard-working of the committee members, was present, wearing a printed taffeta black with touches of scarlet, and Miss Alice Thorndike chose printed taffeta.

Mrs. John G. Flint, who was with her husband in a large group of people, looked very lovely in a pale blue satin gown with a white jacket, and others there were Mrs. Gordon Prince, Mrs. Albert C. Burrage, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pratt McKean and Mrs. Clifford Smith.

BOSTON POST, FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 1941

YOUNG GLOBE-CIRCLING SAILOR

Although only 5 years old, Arthur Cook Johnson has sailed twice around the world with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Johnson of Hadley. He is shown looking skyward from the Johnson's yacht, "Yankee," after it arrived at San Juan, Puerto Rico, recently.

Boston Globe - January 21,1942 THE BOSTON

Capt. Johnson's Wife Describes Hawaii Raid

The following letter, describing events in Hawaii on the day of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, was written by Electa Search Johnson, wife of Capt. Irving Johnson, skipper of the schooner Yankee, whose world cruises with student crews are well known to all New Englanders. Capt. Johnson is now serving as a Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Reserve and when he was assigned to Hawaii his family, consisting of Mrs. Johnson and their two children, Arthur, 6, and Robert, 3, established their home near Honolulu. The letter was written to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Johnson of Hadley. Mr. Johnson is a brother of Capt. Johnson.

Dec. 11, 1941.

Dear Roger and Elsie—Here I sit on the bathroom floor for the fourth evening of the blackout. Until today I thought you must be most anxious to hear about Honolulu, but now, though, I suppose you are still interested in our welfare; things everywhere are happening so fast that Honolulu is hardly the first consideration any more. Our lack of news right now is very annoying as local broadcasting has practically ceased and short wave reception from the mainland is so noisy that you can't get much out of it. I hear that the United States declared war on Germany and Italy today.

But I guess you do want to know about how the war hit us. I heard a bit of a mainland broadcast tonight on the subject of the attack here, and I think the harm done to civilians and residential districts and highways is mostly exaggerated and the military damage is naturally not described. It is too bad that the mainland broadcasts describe such machine-gunning of Sunday traffic and bombing of residential districts, because that didn't seem to be the case. The few bombs that did fall in the town seemed aside from the main purpose of the attack. If I wrote anything about what damage was done at Pearl Harbor and the forts it would be censored right out and if I described our defense it would also be cut, I am sure, as nothing on those two subjects seems to come out in the papers or on the radio. So I just can't write about that.

I'll stick to our personal experiences. We were having a leisurely Sunday morning breakfast, a little later than week days, when all the fireworks started. At first we didn't think anything of it as we just assumed it was practice, but then it developed into such a big, noisy show that we were all at the windows watching. We could see plenty of bombs in the air and antiaircraft fire, but Punchbowl cuts off our view of Pearl Harbor. We thought it was great stuff, like the active volcanoes we used to watch on the "Yankee." Irving kept saying, "Let's go up on Punchbowl and watch," but we couldn't stop looking long enough to get going. Finally, however, there was a lull, so we piled in the car and drove over that way. There were a number of cars in the streets apparently looking for vantage points, but no real jam of traffic. When we got near the top of Punchbowl a soldiers stopped us and seemed glad to see Irving's Pearl Harbor officer's plates on the car. He wanted to know what was happening, said he heard Pearl Harbor was all afire; but his command post didn't know anything, etc. His eyes were popping out of his head and Irving told him he didn't know. Then when we drove away we finally realized we ought to turn on the radio, so we did and immediately heard, "The island of Oahu is under attack. All civilians keep off the streets. This is not a request. It is an order." So we hurried home. Commander Printup had just waked up and he and Irving got into their uniforms and hurried for Pearl Harbor. We kept the radio tuned in and kept hearing warnings to keep off the streets, not use the telephone. The announcer kept urging one and all to "k-k-k-eep c-c-calm," but sounded much more excited than anyone I have seen. Finally the stations stopped giving news at all, but we were asked to stay tuned in for important announcements. Then a call went out for a long list of doctors. The riggers, electricians and others were ordered to their jobs.

A number of Mrs. Printup's friends had come up to her house and we all went higher up on the hill and were there during one raid virtually watching bombs drop. But seeing wasn't believing and it just seemed as though this must be a movie or something. We saw an incendiary land in the town and start a big fire. The children could see a good deal right from the house and were soon playing war games. Arthur told Cappy that maybe if they gave away all their toys the war would stop. It sounded to me just like an echo from 1917. I could remember thinking almost the identical thing.

If we stayed blacked out a couple of years we won't have any manners left.

The girl from downstairs came up to lunch with us. Her husband is a selectee in ordinance work and hasn't been home since it started. Just as we finished dinner to my amazement Irving showed up. And then, did I think of you, Rog! He came in looking like a guerrilla with a khaki cartridge belt over his whites and a 45 at his hip, tied down at the barrel end around his leg. I've never seen them put on that way, but that seems to be the way in action. I knew how you would envy him if you could have seen him coming in at that moment. He was bringing Mrs. Momsen, his commanding officer's wife, and a friend from their Pearl Harbor quarters where they had just had a front row view of plenty. We got right to work making sandwiches for Irving to take back to the office force as mobile kitchens hadn't yet got going.

By then it all seemed more like a Connecticut flood than anything else I can compare it with. Irving didn't seem to be in danger and I didn't feel that we were. It just seemed to be one of those emergency occasions. We listened to the radio and saw only a bit of raiding in the afternoon. We miscalculated on the supper hour and ended up groping for tuna fish sandwiches in the dark. Most of what came over the radio by that time was one side of a conversation from headquarters to police cars and, with the Hawaiian accent in which the man broadcast and which I wish I could get on paper for you, his remarks seemed terribly funny. All in one tone would come a variety like this:

"Corner Lunalilo and Alakea. Suspicious man up a telephone pole. See what it is, Gus."

"Lights at 2414 Kalia. Tell them to douse 'em."

"Shoot him wid ya gun."

"Get some sandwiches, Johnny."

"Likelike School. Two pregnant women."

"Man on Pau st., with a basket of pigeons. Go up and arrest him."

We were keeping the radio tuned in, so the Charlie Chan would boom out unexpectedly every few minutes and keep things pretty funny.

Maybe it seems impossible that anything could have seemed funny at that time. We knew how many lives were lost. But while it was all happening we couldn't think about it. The first time I really did any thinking was after I got in bed and began to realize what stretched ahead of us.

Arthur had thought it was exciting during the day, but that night he was afraid and said all the things I always thought English children must say. I put him in my bed and he didn't go to sleep for quite a while. The guests slept on the hikie and the girl from downstairs on the davenport.

Irving showed up again in the morning, looking more like he used to on the Yankee than I have seen him for a long time. Things seemed

We couldn't stop looking long enough to get going.

to have quieted down. He just stayed long enough to tell us how things were and went back. As we finished lunch Commander Momsen showed up, looking very weary and sad at what he was seeing after 28 years in the Navy. Mrs. Momsen and Mrs. Logan went home then as it was considered safe. In fact, I believe some families never left Pearl Harbor quarters. Helen Printup's visitors stayed until today, however, till she was desperate. There were three wives from Commander Printup's ship and they had no children and only lived in Waikiki, which did seem rather exposed on Sunday.

Since Monday Irving has got home about once a day. If he comes at night he waits for moonlight to drive by. I am so thankful he is ashore instead of going off where no one knows in some ship as so many husbands are doing now. I only hope it will last. Phone calls are no longer prohibited, but only necessary ones are to be made. Food stores opened yesterday and I got up at 5 this morning to get to the commissary at 7:30. It didn't open until 8 and I was lucky to be No. 16. If I have to do much of this, I am going to buy a camp stool. I always take a book to read during even the ordinary waits at the commissary, and read most of one issue of Time in various lines today. I cannot see why no one else ever reads in these waits. Commissary purchases were limited in various ways with a total limit of $5. I suppose that arbitrary figure would be scaled according to the size of the family eventually. It didn't go far on a week's shopping for all of us, but I was able to get a good deal at the fresh fruit and vegetable place, and then, having the car I decided to try another waiting line on the way home at a grocery where I had fortunately opened a charge account. That made me a regular customer beyond question and only regular customers are supposed to trade at stores and only at the usual rate of business. It would be funny to get a bill the first of the month saying, "Dear Madam. We find you have bought too much at our store this month. Please decrease your purchases and give us less business in the future." (I figured and added as I shopped and ended up very proudly with $4.99).

In the end I had managed to get almost as much as usual, though at first it hadn't looked as though I would be able to. I do hope I can stick to once-a-week buying as especially now with waiting lines I don't want to give hours to it daily. I suppose the food situation here will depend on the state of shipping between here and the mainland and perhaps in a few weeks we can tell what to expect of that. I wrote in my last letter to Peg that I was afraid I would have to curb the appetite if I didn't want to get fat at last, but now perhaps rationing will do it for me.

I can't say I like the blackouts and rationing much, but they aren't serious hardships. People will eventually probably get one blacked out room in their houses in which to spend the evenings. No one will go out after dark unless necessary, but I do not regret that as we're getting much too tied up to suit me and I could hardly get around to reading a book. These evenings at home after 5 o'clock dinner will seem rather like the "Yankee" again. The main thing is just that Irving stays ashore. We have to have dinner at 5 in order to finish in time. The last two nights I have managed to get the dinner dishes done too, chiefly by having practically all the cooking dishes washed before sitting down to dinner. If we stayed blacked out a couple of years we won't have any manners left, but will gobble through meals and snatch plates away to be washed before the last bite is off them.

But I guess it is too early to get a good idea of just what conditions will be. I hope most of all we will get more news. Just think, war on Germany and Italy declared today and not one good news broadcast to be heard. We got a shortwave radio the other day and I guess will keep it—receiving set—but there seems to be 95 percent noise to 5 percent programs.

It is nice to have the Printups in the other half of the house, as I think we will all be at home a good deal, and this is better than being really isolated. Mrs. Printup is good to talk to. I don't know when school will start as all the schools are being used for evacuees or something else these days. I am going to try to get in a period of reading or "show and tell" or something of the sort with Arthur and Cappy. I am more than ever glad we have the trapeze as it keeps all four children going a lot of the time.

EVILS OF PRESENT SURGICAL SYSTEM OUTLINED BY HEAD

Develops Mediocrity in Many, Declares Dr. Johnson at Convention Here

RADICAL CHANGES IN PROFESSION URGED

Suggests Limiting Practice to Small Staff on Adequate Salary

Holding the medical profession in general and surgery in particular up for examination and diagnosis, Dr. Peer P. Johnson of Beverly, Mass., president of the New England Surgical society, told members of the society, meeting for their 18th annual banquet at the Manchester Country club last night that "economic factors prevent a large proportion of our population from receiving suitable medical care" and then went on to offer an alternative program.

The society president told the gathering, composed of more than 100 of New England's leading surgeons, that "surgery here is too often done by the occasional operator whose preliminary training, in many cases, has consisted of only one's year's interneship in some small hospital and possibly some few months of graduate study," and that "there are too many men doing surgery and too few real surgeons."

"Develops Mediocrity."

Our present system develops mediocrity in many, rather than ability in a few," he continued.

Attacking the widespread practice of surgery by those who have been insufficiently trained, the speaker continued, "it is fair to say that where now a dozen or more men do surgical work of a small hospital, two or three thoroughly trained surgeons with a competent house staff could, to the advantage of the community, do it better."

The speaker lamented the fact that the great need of the physician today is the continuance of his medical education in order that he may keep abreast of the times, but that as a rule "postgraduate medical education is available only by trips away from home and the expenditure of time which it is difficult to give."

Much of the trouble with medicine today lies in the smaller communities where general practioners are called upon to fulfill many roles during the course of their day's duties. In such cases "the hospital should provide him with facilities for obtaining various laboratory investigations and specialized assistance in the care of his patients. Further the hospital should provide him, if competent and ethical, with a place where he may treat his private patients. On the other hand the hospital should limit the doctor to the type of work for which he is fitted by training and experience and should compel him to observe its own high standards."

Cites Figures.

According to figures quoted by the president in the key address of the opening day of the two-day session which will come to a close this afternoon, there were 14,290 operations performed last year in 12 small hospitals picked at random. In some of the institutions, treating from 1,500 to 3,000 patients, the operations were performed by 15 or more operators. In one hospital alone with a total operation load of less than 1,500, 10 physicians doctors did 300 major operations.

"In two of the hospitals studied, 20 per cent of the operations were ap-

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Evils of Present Surgical System Outlined by Head

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pendectomies and both of them had large surgical staffs. They removed three times as many appendices as another hospital treating the same number of patients but with a surgical staff limited to three."

In addition to the fact that the average medical man is between the "devil and the deep blue sea" in attempting to embrace too much of a highly specialized field, another factor of equal importance, in the development of the general surgeon is the short length of time he serves in the hospital. Such services are often for one, two or rarely more than three months in length. While claiming that the general practitioner and the general surgeon are both the offspring of the old family doctor, that their interests are identical and that the diagnostic skill of the former determines in large measure the results of the latter, the speaker pointed out that the greatest burden rests on the hospital within the small community.

"Because all surgery is done there, the hospital is the only organization which can limit the physician to the work for which, by training, he is qualified. Its surgical staff should be selected only on the basis of the training and ability and in a number sufficient to the surgical needs of the community."

Would Limit Staff.

"Probably one factor which, more than anything else, keeps the highly trained young surgeon in the big city is the knowledge that he will be unable to find a field in the smaller community and will have to content himself with general practise as a means of livelihood, while his surgery becomes a side issue.

"It may be well at some future date, for the best interests of the patient and the hospital that surgery will be limited to a small staff on an adequate salary. These men would give their full time to the hospital and would be relieved of the unpleasant duties of collecting fees from the patient. Under such circumstances the reasons for fee splitting, unnecessary operations and operations for the fee alone would be removed."

The president's speech preceded an address by Henry-Wise Wood of New York City, inventor and sailor, who talked on the "Observations of a Wandering Mind." Only two things in life, poverty and sport, are working for the preservation of the human race, said the speaker, whose first recollections were of the ocean seen from the bridge of a packet boat bound across the English channel in 1869.

The sessions will be resumed this morning with the annual business meeting which will be featured by the election of officers and a scientific program consisting of the reading of papers by various surgeons present.

The program yesterday afternoon was chiefly concerned with the reading of papers by delegates on their findings in highly technical fields, followed by discussions and comments by other members of the society. Among the speakers in the ball room of The Carpenter yesterday afternoon were Dr. H. Gildersleeve Jarvis, Hartford, Conn.; Dr. Wilkins assisted by Dr. Dwinnell; Dr. Edward L. Young, Jr., of Boston; Dr. Robert N. Deland, Boston; Dr. Frank H. Lahey, Boston; Dr. Horace K. Sowells, Boston; Dr. Irving Walker, Boston, and Dr. Philemon E. Truesdale, of Fall River, Mass., founder of the Truesdale hospital there and famous for his operations on "upside-down" stomach cases.

This morning the annual business meeting of the society will take place for the election of officers and reading of yearly reports. It will be followed by the concluding scientific program this afternoon. Arrangements for the annual meeting have been in charge of Dr. David W. Parker, chairman, Dr. George C. Wilkins and Dr. Ezra A. Jones, all of Manchester.

BEVERLY HOSPITAL
BEVERLY, MASS.

August 1, 1935

Dear

Last Hospital Day, one of our former interns happily conceived the idea that Doctor Johnson should be given a token of esteem and affection by those of us who are most interested in the Hospital and suggested that he be presented with a portrait of himself done in oil. This suggestion seems both timely and appropriate.

For thirty years, Doctor Johnson has been associated with the Beverly Hospital and for fifteen years he has been Chief of Staff. To him belongs most of the credit for the splendid reputation which our Hospital enjoys today. He has given freely and generously of his time, ability, and skill, not only in the professional care of his patients but also in teaching nurses and physicians. Who among us has not benefited by his wisdom or been enriched by observations drawn from a wide surgical experience?

Because of the enthusiastic reponse which greeted the early inquiries, it was decided to make this portrait a testimonial from as many as possible in the greater hospital family. A Committee has been formed representing the Directors, the Staff, the former interns and the Nurses' Alumnae. After careful inquiry and deliberation, we have selected Mr. John Lavalle, a well-known Boston artist, to paint the portrait. We also propose to send each contributor who wishes one, a photographic reproduction of the portrait.

Although this undertaking will cost considerable money, we hope to be able to raise the entire amount from among those who are, or have been, closely associated with him; namely, the Directors, the Staff, the former interns, the nurses and the Hospital personnel. This appeal is not being sent to anyone else. While we can only make an estimate, we believe an average contribution of ten dollars will cover the cost of the portrait, the frame, the photographic reproductions and the mailing charges. Do not hesitate if you wish to give less and please give more, if you can, to help bring up the average. It will make a better gift if a large percentage of our Hospital family is represented and regardless of the amount, we hope the number of contributors will be as large as possible.

If you wish to participate, please send your check to Chester C. Pope, Treasurer, Beverly, Massachusetts, indicating whether or not you would like a photograph of the portrait. It will be painted in October and you will be notified of the date of presentation so that you may attend.

Whatever our ability, let us all unite in this opportunity to honor Doctor Johnson, whom we love and respect and whose name is almost synonymous with that of Beverly Hospital.

Yours very sincerely,

Albert E. Parkhurst, M.D.
Chairman.

COMMITTEE

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Dedication of Dr. Johnson's Portrait

May 12, 1936

The event of this afternoon is a bright and memorable occasion in the history of Beverly Hospital. We have met to honor Dr. Johnson, Chief of the Surgical Service since 1916 and for fifteen years Chief of Staff; to whom both we and the Hospital are deeply indebted.

Just one year ago today one of our former interns suggested that we present him with a portrait of himself as a token of our esteem and affection and our appreciation of the great work he has done for Beverly Hospital. This idea was most appropriate and met with general approval. Accordingly a committee of twelve was arranged representing the Directors, the Staff, former Interns and the Nurses' Alumnae Association.

The first task confronting us was the selection of an artist. After careful inquiry and due deliberation Mr. John Lavalle, of Boston, was chosen. We believe that when you have seen the portrait you will agree our choice was excellent. Although we knew it would be a simple matter to raise the funds necessary for our project in a general canvass among Dr. Johnson's many friends we decided to confine our appeal only to those who have worked with or studied under him at the Hospital. It is, therefore, a gift from the greater Hospital family.

Dr. Johnson came to Beverly in January 1903 and almost immediately became affiliated with the Hospital which was then located on Central Street. Although small it prospered under the capable leadership of that skilful, progressive, pioneer surgeon, the late Dr. Samuel W. Torrey, and soon outgrew its inadequate quarters. It was he, who looking wisely into the future, secured the present site. Largely through his efforts the first buildings were erected and the new

hospital opened in 1908. How it has grown since that day! Two additions have been added and again our facilities are taxed to properly accommodate the patients who seek admission. It is a well equipped modern hospital of high professional standing known throughout New England and ministering to patients who come from miles around. It has been accepted as Class A by the American College of Surgeons since 1921. In 1923 it was recognized by the American Medical Association as a hospital suitable for the training of interns.

However, men and not buildings made the institution and the reputation it enjoys. Throughout this latter period of growth during which time have come so many evidences of its high professional standing, its guiding spirit and motive force has been Dr. Johnson. To him belongs the lion's share of the credit for making the hospital what it is today. So long and faithfully has he worked that his name has become almost synonymous with that of Beverly Hospital.

Under his inspiring and energetic leadership, with the assistance of a loyal staff and an efficient cooperative Board of Directors, our Hospital provides the best in medical and surgical care for the people of this community. It is an institution of which we all are justly proud. While building up the hospital he has given freely of his time, energy and ability in skilfully ministering to all patients under his care regardless of their economic status.

He has spent many hours teaching nurses, interns, and physicians. Realizing the opportunity for postgraduate instruction he started our clinical meetings which are well attended by members of our own Staff, and by other physicians in this vicinity. These clinics have unquestionably been of great value in improving the quality of medical practice in this community.

Being possessed of keen diagnostic ability and a rare degree of surgical judgement he is welcomed as a consultant by physicians and patients alike. Who among us has not been benefited by his wisdom or been enriched by his observations drawn from a wide surgical experience? We look to him with admiration

Local Hospital Marks Hospital Day Fittingly

MONDAY, MAY 17, 1937.

Hospital Head

DR. PEER P. JOHNSON

Interesting talks were also given by Dr. Johnson and Dr. Charles H. Phillips, general chairman of the committee on arrangements and by Dr. James A. Shatswell, consulting physician at the Beverly hospital, and by many of the former internes. The board of directors were represented by Robert Robertson and Earl E. Gay.

MANY CITIZENS INSPECT X-RAY

New Department Dedicated at Institution Here; Dinner Climax

Beverly hospital day was observed with a fitting program and a welcome to more than a hundred former internes and graduate nurses who came to participate in the activities Saturday.

The program opened with an operative clinic by Dr. Peer P. Johnson, chief of staff, and his assistants, which was followed by a presentation of clinical cases by Dr. Albert E. Parkhurst and assisants. A motion picture film depicting a surgical operation was presented by Dr. Johnson to the assembled group. Luncheon was served for the former internes, staff, Nurses' Alumnae association and invited guests.

One of the outstanding features of the day was the opening of the new X-ray department presented to the hospital by the United Shoe Machinery corporation. Of particular importance is the fact that the hospital is now equipped with one of the most modern X-ray machines in the State for X-ray treatment of cancer.

The hospital was opened to the public in the afternoon and many of the citizens of Beverly took this opportunity to visit the new X-ray department and hospital museum. Tea was served in the Nurses' home by members of the Alumnae association. Those presiding were Miss Mae Bartley, superintendent of the hospital; Mrs. Clarence O. Hood, member of the board of directors, and Mrs. Perley Hurd, member of the Beverly Hospital Alumnae association.

Open house was held by Dr. Johnson and his associates at 1 Monument square for former internes and members of the staff at five o'clock. The closing event of the day was a dinner at the Hotel Hawthorne in Salem where the present and former internes were guests of the staff of the hospital. Dr. Albert E. Parkhurst was toastmaster. Following the dinner a symposium was held on hyperparathyroidism, a disease of the parathyroid glands.

The surgical aspects were discussed by Dr. Johnson, diagnosis and clinical aspects were presented by Dr. Richard E. Alt, X-ray interpretation by Dr. Raul E. Tivnan, and Dr. Charles E. Branch, professor of pathology at Boston University School of Medicine, discussed the pathological aspects. Dr. Boris Rapoport, of the Beth Israel hospital at Boston, gave an interesting talk on "Cyclopropane Anesthesia."

Us Folks

Henry "Bud" Connolly, who underwent two major operations in as many weeks at the Beverly hospital, is now reported to be well on the road to complete recovery. Bud's baseball fans are standing along the third base line rooting hard for the doctor-umpire to call him "safe" when he hits "home."

Little Mary O'Brien, who evidently has more reserve strength and endurance than a company of marines, underwent another operation last week at the Beverly hospital and latest reports are that Mary is holding on strongly. Mary has fought a long and hard battle such as would dim the spirit of any man, but with Nellie Coughlin, her nurse, has faced her sickness courageously.

U.S.M.C.

News and Notes Gathered at the Beverly Plant

Visit Beverly Hospital

Hospital day, the date of the birth of Florence Nightingale, was observed at the Beverly hospital Saturday from 2 to 4 and many employees at the factory were among the guests at the "open house" in observance of the event.

Visitors were entertained with demonstrations and exhibits of the various scientific departments and the up-to-date equipment of the institution. Interest was divided among many phases of the hospital work and each group of guests were escorted through the hospital, where doctors, nurses and heads of departments explained the functions of the various facilities, answered questions and demonstrated special equipment.

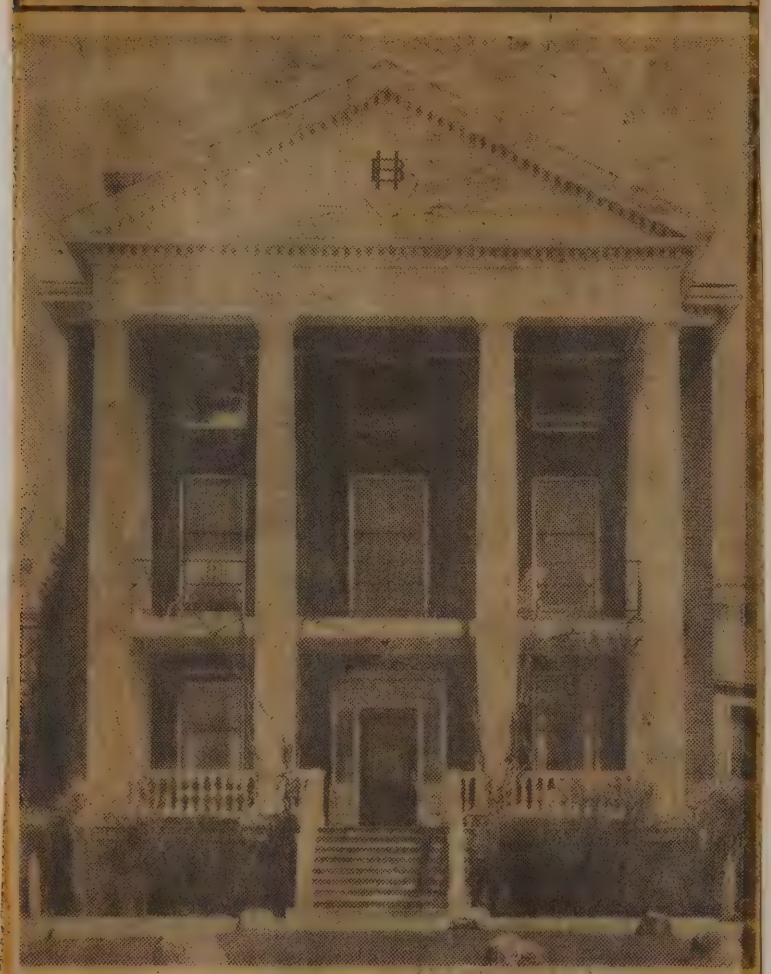
The operating room attracted many. Here all the equipment necessary for an operation was displayed. The clinic rooms of the outpatient department, where many are given free care, were open. The x-ray rooms, where the new and fully equipped X-ray unit (the gift of the U. S. M. C.) was installed, proved of interest to the many visitors. This treatment room has the most up-to-date equipment of any of the similar institutions.

Guests were high in their praises of the spotlessness of the kitchens and the serving rooms, the steam heating units to keep food hot, the refrigerator rooms, the bright and cheery dining rooms and the scientifically-equipped dietary, where special meals are prepared for patients who can eat only certain kinds of food.

During our visit, it was our good fortune once again to greet a friend and benefactor, Dr. Peer P. Johnson. Among the guests were members of the board, the medical and surgical staffs, public officers, headed by Mayor Daniel E. McLean; members of the alumnae, former internes and patients, their families, and others eager to learn about the Beverly hospital.

May 1937

Today's Beverly Hospital Day



This is the main entrance of Beverly Hospital, through which many Beverly residents will pass today to inspect up-to-date facilities of this institution as it conducts its annual open house as part of the National observance of Hospital Day, held each year on the birth-anniversary, which was yesterday, of Florence Nightingale, the mother of modern nursing. Other pictures appear on the back page.

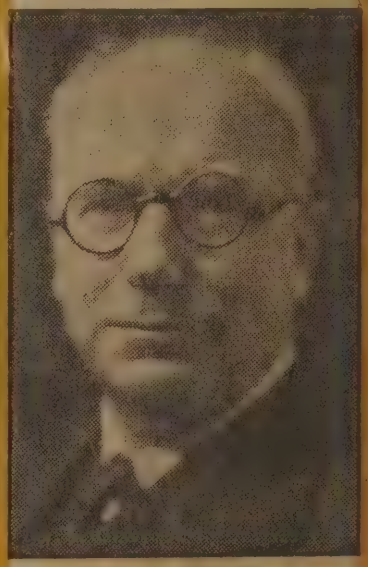
OPERATION WITNESSED BY FORMER INTERNES

One of the highlights of the Open House program at Beverly hospital Saturday was the performing of a delicate operation, the nature of which has not been disclosed. A group of 30 former internes witnessed the surgery, which was performed by Dr. Peer Prescott Johnson, head surgeon of the hospital. The former internes at the Open House had gathered from distant parts of the country to renew old acquaintances. The operation performed by Dr. Johnson once again gave them the opportunity to observe the skillful work of the man who was for so long their tutor and friend.

March 1937

Activities at St. John's Church

The Men's club of St. John's church will conduct their second meeting since their reorganization



Dr. Peer P. Johnson

on Wednesday evening in the parish hall. Dr. Peer P. Johnson will be the guest speaker of the evening and it is expected that the noted doctor will speak on "Modern Surgery." During the past month the club has added many members of the parish to its rolls and it is expected that a large attendance will be on hand to hear Dr. Johnson, who recently returned from South America.

The regular weekly lenten services will be conducted on Thursday evening by the Rev. Dr. Phillips E. Osgood, well known orator, author and educationalist, of the Emmanuel church, Boston.

The members of the Ladies' auxiliary of St. John's parish conducted a joint meeting with the Ladies' auxiliary of Christ church, Hamilton, yesterday afternoon. The meeting was held at the Christ church in Hamilton.

The Rev. Bradford Burnham, rector of St. John's church, will conduct the evening services tonight at St. Peter's Episcopal church.

Beverly Evening Times
July 14, 1937

BEVERLY HOSPITAL HEAD IN DEFENSE OF BIRTH CONTROL

DR. PEER P. JOHNSON OF THIS CITY APPEARS AT CROWDED HEARING IN SALEM COURT; SOCIALLY PROMINENT ATTEND

SALEM: July 14 Five reputable physicians testified at the Salem District Court yesterday that they have been giving birth control information and providing contraceptive devices to their patients for years despite State and Municipal laws which forbid the dissemination of such information. They were defense witnesses in the trial of three women who were arrested after Salem police raided the offices of the North Shore Mothers' Help Office, a birth control clinic associated with the Birth Control League of Massachusetts.

Dr. Peer P. Johnson, a member of the Staff of Beverly Hospital for thirty-five years and now Chief of Staff, endorsed the use of contraceptives under certain conditions, pointed out that their use had been officially approved by the Academy of Medicine. But even before that vote of approval, he said, he had been prescribing contraceptives whenever he thought it advisable.

Necessary for Health

Two hundred persons, many of them women prominent in Boston and North Shore Society, heard him testify that in cases of mental disease, overactive thyroid, venereal disease, cancer, malnutrition, tuberculosis or comparable conditions, the use of contraceptives is necessary to the preservation of the patient.

He said he knew the provisions of the statute which holds the dissemination of birth control information to be illegal but he insisted that under certain conditions, "it is the legal right and duty of a physician to prescribe as he sees fit".

Dr. Johnson's statements were supported by Dr. Robert DeNormandie, Boston Obstetrician since 1906, who said that "an honest doctor must prescribe contraceptives under certain conditions". His preference, he said, is to prescribe such treatment even before making a physical examination of the patient, in cases where there is any outstanding trouble with the patient's health.

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DR. PEER P. JOHNSON OF THIS CITY APPEARS AT COURT

Clinic Well Equipped

Dr. Malcolm Restall of Marblehead said he has sent more than one patient to the North Shore Mothers' Help Office, that before that Clinic was established he treated such patients himself, but that he had discovered the Clinic to be better equipped than he is and better organized to handle patients without means. The prosecution offered the testimony of Beatrice Clark, a Salem police woman, who said she had visited the Clinic, posing as a patient and had seen enough to warrant a raid. Robert Dodge, defense counsel, described her as a "stool pigeon".

The defendants in this case are Mrs. Stuart N. Gardner, wife of a Salem Physician and an officer of the Mothers' Help Organization; Mrs. Flora Rand, a nurse at the Clinic and Dr. Lucille Lord-Heinstein, the Clinic physician.

It was on June 3, that the Salem police acting on a complaint from an undisclosed source raided the North Shore Mothers' Health Office and seized records, equipment and a small amount of cash. There were no arrests.

On June 22 Judge George B. Sears of Salem District Court denied request that the confiscated material be returned, though John Raymond, who appeared as Counsel for the Organization, contended that the records especially were not subject to legal seizure.

Medical sponsors included: Dr. Edward Peirson, Dr. Elizabeth DeBlais, Dr. Richard Smith, Dr. George Sturgis, Dr. G. Calket Caner, Dr. George P. Denny, Dr. Franc Ingraham, Rev. Bradford Gale.

November 4, 1937

MEDICAL GROUP HOLDS MEETING IN THIS CITY

Beverly Hospital Scene of Technical Discussions by Leading Doctors

LECTURES, PICTURES PROGRAM FEATURES

Outstanding Physicians of Surrounding Cities and Towns Attend Session

The Essex South district of the Massachusetts Medical society enjoyed an informative and interesting session at the Beverly hospital yesterday which was largely attended. Dr. William C. Quinby, professor of Urology at the Harvard Medical school, spoke on "The Treatment of Urinary Infections" in the evening.

Dr. John C. Corcoran, president of the society, presided and welcomed the guests. Dr. Ralph E. Stone holds the office of secretary.

The meeting opened with a clinic at 5 o'clock. The program was as follows: Dr. Sherman E. Golden spoke on "Coronary Heart Disease in Young Adults," illustrated by lantern slides

Dr. Ronald Nickerson, "Regional Enteritis," presentation of case two years after operation; lantern slides. "Observations on Intravenous Urography in Acute Ureteral Obstruction" by Dr. Paul E. Tivnan, illustrated with lantern slides.

At 5:45 p. m Dr. Richard E. Alt gave a talk on "Expcriences in Plastic Surgery," lantern slides. Dr. Albert E. Parkhurst, Presentation of Patient with Pneumococcus Pericarditis with Recovery; "Cardiac Infarction with Rupture of Ventricular Wall."

Dr. Peer P. Johnson presented three interesting Gynecological problems. He also showed two motion picture films: "Hydronephrosis due to Aberrant Vessel" and "Excision of Pancreatic Cyst."

Following dinner at 7.1 p. m. Dr. William C. Quinby spoke on "The Treatment of Urinary Infections." Dr. Quinby is a professor of Urology at the Harvard Medical school.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1937.

Many Doctors Present

Dr. Michael Pijean, instructor at the Harvard Medical school, gave a timely discussion of the dangers of the promiscuous use of prontylin.

Among those present at the meeting were the following from Beverly: Dr. Peer P. Johnson, Dr. Richard E. Alt, Dr. Stanley Machaj, Dr. Jack Fine, Dr. Paul Magnuson, Dr. Kenneth Cuneo, Dr. Gregory Alexander Dr. Jack Neber; Dr. Anthony Maiuzzo, Dr. James Shatswell, Dr. Hyman Yudin, Dr.Elizabeth Fleming Dr. Benjamin Lizio, Dr. Guy Standley, Dr. Ralph Stone, Dr. Samuel Albert, Dr. Herman Grushky, Dr. Leonard Box, Dr. Laurence Swon, Dr. George Fenn, Dr. Albert Parkhurst and Dr. Sherman Golden.

Danvers: Dr. Aubrey Bishop, Dr. Edgar C. Yerbury and Dr. William G. Hook; Gloucester, Dr. Roland Hallett, Dr. William Babson; Hamilton, Dr. John Corcoran and Dr. Henry Larchez.

Lynn: Dr. Wayne Hobbs, Dr. Oliver Bixby, Dr. Easell, Dr. Stephen Davis, Dr. John Hartigan, Dr. Aron Levine, Dr. Louis Limauro, Dr. Irving Atkinson, Dr. Nathaniel Breed, Dr. Charles Hoitt, Dr. Frank Stone, Dr. Joseph Krobalski, Dr. Nathaniel Jacobson, Dr. Berney Gerrish, Dr. Saul Marcus, Dr. Marcus Klivansky, Dr. Thomas Quinn

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Dr. Charles Worthen, Dr. John Phelps, Dr. William Frazer, Dr. George Kirkatrick, Dr. Bernard Appel, Dr. Morris Briggs and Dr. William Leyton.

Manchester: Dr. Theodore Ely; Middleton. Dr. Olin Pettingill. Dr. Henry Boyle; Peabody, Dr. John Hickey, Dr. Elton Varney, Dr. Ralph Foss. Saugus: Dr. Mary Peny and Dr. Priscilla Flockton.

Salem: Dr. A. Limauro, Dr. Henry Tolman, Dr. Phillip Finnegan, Dr. Paul Hinchey, Dr. Richard Doyle, Dr. Charles Curtis, Dr. Isaac Kaplan, Dr. Edward Pierson, Dr. Eleanor Marchand. Dr. Robert Shauhnessy, Dr. Walter Phippen and Dr. Paul Tivnan.

Swampscott: Dr. Mason Pratt and Dr. Harry Lowd; Boston: Dr. Harold Nickerson, Dr. William Quinby and Dr. Cramer.

Dr. and Mrs. Peer P. Johnson, and Peer P. Johnson, Jr. were among those who visited the National Advisory Committees Building at the New York World's Fair this week. The building, one of the most beautiful at the Fair, is open to Advisory Committee Members and their guests, as well as to organizations of various kinds, according to Mrs. Robert W. Lovett of Boston, who is Chairman of the Massachusetts Advisory Committee on Women's Participation in the New York World's Fair.

Local Physicians Tell of Hospital Work in Beverly

Five Members of Staff at Institution Here Guest Speakers at Successful Supper-Smoker of Chamber of Commerce

With four of the city's most prominent surgeons and physicians, each a specialist in his particular field, as guest speakers under the direction of Dr. Peer P. Johnson, chief of staff at Beverly hospital who served as master of ceremonies, the December supper-smoker staged by the Beverly Chamber of Commerce at the United Shoe Machinery Athletic association clubhouse last evening will go down in history as one of the most interesting and instructive sessions ever held by that organization.

Directs Program

DR. PEER P. JOHNSON

Nearly 150 members and guests attended the session to hear Dr. Peer P. Johnson, Dr. Albert E. Parkhurst, Dr. Richard E. Ait, Dr. Paul E. Tivnan and Dr. Charles F. Branch, all members of the Beverly hospital staff, discourse on the medical profession, the value of the hospital in the community and to hear detailed accounts of the history, activities, equipment and vital statistics concerning the fight against human ailments.

Seated at the head table were Neiland J. Douglas, Dr. William C. Tannebring, Rev. Bradford H. Burnham, Dr. Paul E. Tivnan, Mayor Daniel E. McLean, Dr. Albert E. Parkhurst, Dr. Peer P. Johnson, Frederick Ayer, Lewis R. Hovey, Dr. Charles S. Benson, Dr. Richard E. Alt, Dr. Charles F. Branch, Chester C. Pope, Robert J. Murney and Clayton D. Cressy.

The program was opened by Dr. Johnson who gave the call to order and the members and guest sang "America." Dr. Bradford Burnham, rector of St. John Episcopal church, Beverly Farms, gave the invocation and the supper was served. Following the supper Dr. Johnson presented the Men's Singing Club, Inc., which rendered Christmas carols.

Dr. Johnson presented Lewis R. Hovey, president of the Beverly Chamber of Commerce, who welcomed the gathering, stating that it was one of the largest supper smokers held by the Chamber. He called attention to the membership campaign being staged in connection with the celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Chamber. He stated that a total of 10 new members had already been signed and that the committee was in hopes of putting the Chamber over the 400 mark. In closing his remarks he wished all a Merry Christmas and thanked the members for their support.

Mayor Praises Hospital

Mayor Daniel E. McLean in his remarks brought the greetings of the city and thanked the Beverly hospital for the aid rendered the city in the treatment of welfare cases. He stated that the city was indeed fortunate in having the hospital here. He spoke of the exorbitant costs of municipal hospitals and the fact that the Beverly hospital cost the city comparatively little. In conclusion he assured the hospital of his co-operation.

Dr. Johnson, in his remarks, stated that the Beverly hospital was originally founded by Dr. Samuel Torrey as a private institution with six beds to provide for the needy. In order to defray the costs he later took private patients. He was unable, even with the private patients and the financial aid of friends, to keep the institution going and turned it into a corporation.

In 1893 the Beverly hospital was established on Central street with [illegible] beds. Dr. Johnson stated that only one was still alive who was a member of the board of directors and he was Stephen J. Connolly, to whom he paid tribute.

The hospital remained on Central street until 1908 when the present hospital was built to accommodate 50 beds. There are now 140 beds and according to Dr. Johnson even these are not enough. He stated that in order to increase the number of beds at the hospital more money was necessary.

Runs at Deficit

Citing a few interesting statistics Dr. Johnson stated that during the first five years the then-new hospital handled 578 cases and that for the entire period of its existence more than 70,000. For the first 15 years the hospital was operated

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without a deficit and from then on, the doctor stated, it began to go into the red. Friends and citizens then came to the aid of the hospital but since that time it has always shown a deficit at the end of each fiscal year.

In 1936 the number of patients was 12,815, the expensess were $600,791.80; less amount received from patients, $396,537.87; gross operating deficit, $204,253.93, less income and interest. $111,221.57; amount necessary to be contributed, $93,0 36; amount raised for running expenses, $61.590.84; deficit. $31.441.52.

According to Dr. Johnson the total deficit from 1898 through 1936 totals $278,510.93. This, he said, must be taken out of the hospital's capital and that the reduction of the institution's capital reduced the amount of service to the community.

He stated that the growth of the hospital had been rapid and that so far this year more than 5,000 patients had already been treated. This number, he stated, does not include the out-patients which number nearly 1,000 a year. The figures of the cost, he stated do not take into consideration the value of the medical profession as over half the patients treated are treated free of charge. He stated that unlike other businesses the larger the amount of hospital business the larger the hospital deficit.

The cost per day for hospitalization in 1912 was $2.41 cents a day while in 1936 the cost was estimated at $5.85 a day. This was due largely to the increased costs of living and the amount of service, Dr. Johnson explained.

Facilities at the hospital the doctor stated were over taxed and there was a need for at least 50 more beds.

Dr. Johnson said that the hospital's many departments included medical, surgical, obstetrical, eye, ear, nose and throat department, laboratories, out-patients department, pre-natal clinic, cancer clinic, physio-therapy, nurses training school.

Thanks Blood Squads

Dr. Johnson stated that he wished to thank the American Legion and the Naval Reserves whose blood tranfusions had rendered such valuable service to the hospital in the treatment of cases. Members of these squads give freely of their life's blood for needy patients. he stated. Dr. Johnson, in closing, paid tribute to Frederick Ayer, president of the Beverly Hospital corporation its board of directors and its staff.

Frederick Ayer spoke interestingly regarding the Associated Hospital Service Corporation of Massachusetts, a type of hospital insurance for groups which would benefit the individual. He referred to the financial condition of the Beverly hospital, spoke of the loss to the hospital in bad accounts which, he said, constituted a serious problem.

Dr. Albert E. Parkhurst spoke regarding the medical and obstetrical departments at the hospital and gave a detailed account of pneumonia, diabetic, and polio cases, their treatment and the apparatus used in treating such cases. He gave an interesting account of the system used at the Beverly hospital in the identification of the baby which he stated, was infallible. Dr. Parkhurst had with him an interesting chart showing the change in attitude of the public regarding hospital births. He compared on the chart the figures of 1920 which showed that only 32.2 per cent of the children were born at the Beverly hospital. In 1937, he stated, 79 per cent of all the births recorded at the office of the Beverly city clerk were at the Bevely hospital. In closing his remarks he spoke of the need for more room at the hospital.

Dr. Alt Speaks

Dr. Richard E. Alt spoke on the surgical department, its activities, the emergency ward, operating theatre and clincis, preparation of the patient for surgery and stated that few operations were made today without serious study and that as a result of study it was often found that operations were not necessary. He stated that only surgeons of the highest type were allowed to operate. He touched lightly on anesthesia and paid tribute to Dr. Ralph E. Stone, anesthesist at the hospital. He also spoke of the clinics, the follow up clinic, cancer clinic and free clinic.

He tlod of the teaching clinic for internes which was begun by Dr. Johnson long ago for the benefit of physicians and internes. He stated that during the year 1936 a total of 2,264 patients were admitted to surgery and that 1,789 were operated upon or approximately five persons a day. Dr. Alt stated that the work being done at the Beverly hospital was spreading out and that during the past year patients from 12 different states and 42 different cities had been treated at the hospital. He stated that a total of 72 Internes had been graduated from the Beverly hospital and 250 nurses, 100 of whom were in active duty in 15 states.

Dr. Paul E. Tivnan of Salem, in charge of the X-Ray department at the hospital, gave a brief outline of the history of the X-Ray which, he said, was first used in 1895 in Germany. The first X-Ray apparatus was installed at the Beverly hospital he stated in 1909 and was the gift of Dr. Sears. During the first year 200 glass plates were used. In 1912 the first real apparatus was donated by Mrs. Dudley Pickman. In 1921 he stated the new wing was built at the hospital and the equipment re-installed. From 11926 to 1936 a total of 30,000 exposures were taken representing a total of 76,000 films.

In 1936 he stated, the United Shoe Machinery corporation donated a complete X-Ray department with the addition of two rooms to house it. He stated that the machinery is the latest of its kind this side of Boston. He described the working of the machinery and cited several interesting cases pertaining to the use of the X-Ray and told of its value in connection with practically every phase of the profession.

Tells of Pathology

Dr. C. F. Branch, pathologist and professor of pathology at the Boston Medical school spoke regarding the importance of pathology stating that in 1927 a total of 7,000 examinations had been made in the laboratory and that in 1937, to date a total of 30,000. He told of the value of autopsy stating that it was not gruesome that although many were prejudiced it was of great value to the surgeon and in many times to the lawman as it was conclusive proof in murder cases. Dr. Branch paid tribute to the Beverly hospital which, he said, was the finest small hospital in the United States. He urged the members of the community to support it .and lauded Dr. Johnson and his staff, also the board of directors for their efficiency and service.

Dr. Johnson, in bringing the program to a close, stated that he wished to read an excerpt from the remarks made by Charles Woodbury, former president of the hospital, at the dedication of that institution in 1909 which was as follows:

"It would be a disaster if the community failed to appreciate the full meaning of such a Hospital in their midst. It was built by the generosity of all and for all. It must enter into the lives of the people with no narrow sectarian views about its scope

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of disease, and this is our hope for the Beverly Hospital.

"May we hope that the people who are interested in its success will continue their financial aid, that the blessings it dispenses may be more numerous and more helpful as the years pass by."

Many On Committee

Dr. Johnson thanked the members of his committee, Chester C. Pope and Dr. William C. Tannebring for their efforts in making the affair a success also the Men's Singing Club Inc., for its part in the evening's program.

The program was brought to a conclusion with the singing of three choral numbers "Stout Hearted Men," "Who Sailed With Drake" and the "Musical Trust."

Dr. Peer P. Johnson was chairman for the smoker and was assisted by: Reception committee: Dr. William C. Tannebring, chairman, Otto W. Friedman, Charles B. Hodgson, Dr. C. B. Burnham, Laurence S. Hovey, Gregory P. Connolly 2nd., James W. Blackmer, Robert J. Murney, and Fred H. Porter. Menu committee: John S. Crowley, chairman, George E. Hurd, Melvin L. Warren, Frank A. Robinson and Fred B. Ross. Ticket committee: Chester C. Pope chairman, Adon R. Hoar, Henry H. Kent, Herman M. Stevens, Nicholas V. Galluzzi, Alfred M. Bailey, Wallace W. Burgess Jr., Daniel G. Tower, Fred L. True, Robert Robertson Sr., Dr. Edmund C. [illegible]kell, Daniel E. Measures, Joseph [illegible]. Macaulay, Edwin L. Pert, Charles M. Cawley, Chester F. B. Lewis, and Edgar R. Main. Speaker and entertainment committee: Frederick H. Pierce, chairman, Thomas H Bott Jr., Adon R. Hoar, Lewis E. Hovey and Roy K. Patch.

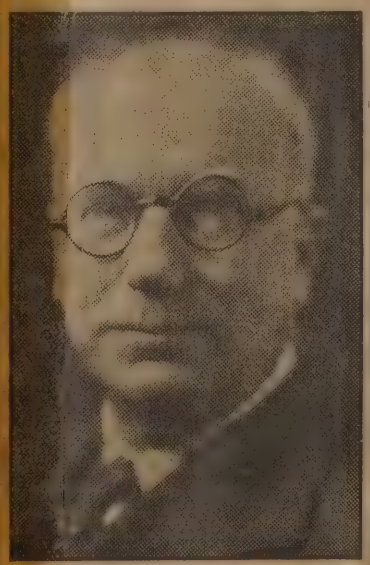
Crowd Attends First In Series of Public Health Talks at Local Hospital

Dr. Peer P. Johnson and Mayor Daniel E. McLean Inaugurate New Program of Education For the Layman

The first in a series of public health talks, inaugurated at the Beverly hospital, yesterday afternoon, was one of the most successful meetings of its kind to be sponsored in this city. Dr. Peer P. Johnson, surgeon-in-chief, spoke on "The Significance of Abdominal Pain."

Dr. Johnson explained that a typical attack starts with pain in the pit of the stomach, pain finally moving to lower right abdomen. Pain may start in any portion of the abdomen. Patients may have normal temperature and pulse. A case with a high temperature is not appendicitis, it may be pneumonia or some other non-abdominal disease. Blood is always examined in these cases to determine the severity of the attack. If the pain suddenly ceases, it may mean perforation of the appendix.

It was pointed out that appendicitis may be mistaken for other diseases because of the abnormal position of the appendix. The appendix may be located under the liver, or on the left side, or low in the pelvis. Attacks of appendicitis are frequently blamed on unusual meals, such as eating shell fish.



DR. P. P. JOHNSON
. . . first speaker.

Dr. Johnson stated that in children appendicitis frequently accompanies sore throat and inflamed ears. Complications that follow delayed treatment are death, long illness, liver abscesses, adhesions, intestinal obstruction and hernia through the abdominal scar. One case of appendicitis spent 240 days at the Beverly hospital.

Frederick Ayer of Hamilton, president of the Beverly hospital corporation, opened the initial meeting and presented Mayor Daniel E. McLean, who paid tribute to the hospital and staff for co-operative service and performance of duty.

Dr. Johnson announced that the program was an effort to carry the educational activities of the hospital which, heretofore, had been limited to educating the doctors, to the public.

His remarks on "The Significance of Abdominal Pain" was confined to a discussion of appendicitis. He told of the seriousness of delay when one has abdominal pain — delay frequently being fatal.

Dr. Johnson stated that appendicitis is the most common surgical emergency. Its multitude of symptoms may be confusing. Appendicitis is described as early as 1759 and was brought to the attention of physicians in this country by Dr. Reginald Fitz in Boston in 1886. It was proved that the inflamation of the bowels was really appendicitis.

It was pointed out that the average death rate from appendicitis at the Beverly hospital has been four percent. Appendicitis with peritonitis, however, carried a death rate of 34 percent and without peritonitis, one percent.

Dr. Johnson informed the audience what to do for appendicitis. He said send for the family doctor. Keep patient quiet. Apply heat to the abdomen, cold is of little value. Don't fail to send for the doctor. Don't give a cathartic. Don't give food and don't give an enema.

Following Dr. Johnson's address there was an exhibit of aids in restoring health, showing pictures of the Beverly hospital building, Miss Marjorie Howlett, superintendent of nurses, seated at her desk; a group of student nurses in training, the clinical laboratory, X-ray department, physio-therapy. Also slides illustrating a patient engaged in occupational therapy and the dietitian at her duties.

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Remarks by Mayor Daniel E. McLean

May 1939

"I have been asked to speak on the subject Of What Benefit is the Beverly hospital to the C[illegible] of Beverly? May I approach [illegible] subject in the negative rather than in the affirmative and ask What would the people of the City of Beverly lose if they did not have the Beverly Hospital within its confines??

"Now let us look into it:

"The primary purpose of a hospital is the curing of the sick. To perform this duty to the public properly and effiiciently, we must have something more than a beautiful building. We must have clean air, clean water, plenty of clean bedding and clothing, well-cooked food, enlightened medical care, trained nursing, a pure and cheerful moral atmosphere; and above all, skilled, honest, intelligent and humane superintendence. It must keep abreast of medical science and to a certain extent be charitable to those unfortunates who are unable to pay. The Beverly hospital has all these requisites. It is a charitable institution. In Dr. Johnson, it has one of the most skilled and humane persons at its head, and I have never known the hospital to refuse admission to a person because of his inability to pay.

"If we did not have this wonderful institution in Beverly with all its modern equipment and its skilled, intelligent and humane staff what would be our loss and predicament?

"We would be forced to do one of two things. The people of Beverly would either have to maintain a Municipal hospital or the sick would be forced to go elsewhere for treatment:

"I shall not discuss the advantages or disadvantages of a Municipal hospital because the matter is too involved and this is not the proper time. But let us discuss the latter angle. What would we lose if we did not have a hospital?

"We would first lose one of the most important factors in our program for social improvement. Our class of people who are not able to pay would somewhat hesitate on going to an outside hospital and as a result they would lose that early diagnosis and early treatment so necessary to their recovery.

"So many of our own citizens because of the inconvenience of leaving home would probably find it difficult to realize their ambition of becoming trained as laboratory workers, social service workers, supervisors dietitians, nurses, and so forth.

"If one can imagine what life and property in any modern city would be worth without police and fire protection, the public schools, the street paving and lighting, the water supply, sewerage system and other community activities, then try and imagine what life would be worth here in Beverly without a hospital. They could take away from us any one or all of the community activities I have mentioned, and we probably could still get along and be as happy as we possibly could be under the circumstances. Our forefathers got along without them.

But when you take away from any community, the hospital, you take from the people the very foundation upon which their happiness rests. Upon health and health protection rests the happiness of our people.

"The Beverly Hospital renders this service to our people in the [illegible] efficient and unselfish manner. This institution is not dedicated to the rich alone, it was not dedicated to profit. It was dedicated to the service of mankind without regard to race, color or creed.

"I know that year in and year out you have used nothing but red ink in your books and you have been obliged to look to the good people of Beverly for their contributions whether big or small, to help you keep your books balanced and thereby continue to render to them the most skilled and modern medical service that they could get anywhere in a hospital of its size. I am sure that our people know that they cannot possibly get along without you and that they will continue to support you. May I earnestly say that if during my term of office, there is anyway in which I can possibly be of assistance, I would be honored indeed to be called upon to renew whatever aid it is within my power to give.

"Beverly will undoubtedly grow and I earnestly hope that the institution with the help of our citizens, will forever keep ahead of us both in medical science and in growth so that it will be able to administer to the needs of all of our people."

Unusual Mural of Operation at Beverly Hospital Attracts Attention

PERFORMING AN OPERATION

Unusual Mural Painted At the Beverly Hospital By Solomon Levenson of An Actual Operation. Left to Right—Dr. Ralph E. Stone, Anesthetist; Miss Bernice Stoddard, Operating Room Supervisor; Dr. Peer P. Johnson, Dr. David Ennis, Dr. Richard Alt (Back to), Mrs. Jeannette Guerro, Surgical Nurse; Dr. Daniel DeWolf; An Unidentified Student Nurse, and the Artist Solomon Levenson.

Beverly, May 17--At the Beverly hospital there is considerable interest in a painting of an actual operation which was performed by Surgeon-in-Chief Dr. Peer P. Johnson and witnessed by the artist, Solomon Levenson of Marblehead, who is well known through his connections with the studio of Philip Little of Salem, one of the few artists in this part of the country who enjoys a national reputation for his work.

Complete is the detail of the operating room scene which Mr. Levenson painted after making pencil sketches and color notes during his actual witnessing of 12 major operations.

To intimates and acquaintances, each of the persons in the painting is quickly recognizeable through visible portions of their faces which are not covered by masks and even more so through their mannerisms for which the artist sought and which he captured in his work.

Also at the hospital are

Preliminary Sketches

made by Mr. Levenson of Dr. Johnson at work, Dr. Richard Alt and Dr. David Ennis together. Dr. Alt at work and Dr. Alt's hands, and it was from such sketches that the artist built up his final painting.

His opportunity to witness the operations came about when Dr. Johnson discovered him sketching Mrs. Levenson in the hospital, where she was recovering from an appendectomy. Mr. Levenson professed a desire to paint an actual operating room scene and was immediately invited to be on hand early the next morning. A bit squeamish, but more than enthused at his opportunity, the artist was on hand for the operation, and from then on took advantage of any free time to work on his painting at the hospital.

Mr. Levenson studied painting at the Massachusetts School of Art and much of his recent work has been murals. He has done such life-sized work in several locations and at the Bunker Hill post of the American Legion in Charlestown he completed murals of a World War scene and the Battle of Bunker Hill. He has also exhibited some of his work at the Addison Galleries in Andover and the Jordan Marsh Art show. Several of his drawings were exhibited in North Shore museums by the Federal Art Project.

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Beverly Hospital
Public Health Lectures

January 16, 1939

Beverly, Jan. 16—Another capacity crowd attended the second in the series of public health lectures at the Beverly hospital yesterday afternoon. The speakers of the day were President of the Board of Directors Frederick Ayer; Supt. Miss Mae A. Bartley and Executive Director of the Associated Hospital Service R. F. Cahalane.

A moderate amplifying system, set up in the main corridor of the hospital, carried the words of the speakers to the audience seated in temporary rows of chairs much of the length of the corridor.

All of the talks proved of much interest and were excellently delivered. Dr. Albert Parkhurst, speaking on "The hygiene of pregnancy" will

FREDERICK AYER, JR. .....

be next Sunday afternoon's lecture. The lectures are free to the public and are from 4 to 5 P. M.

President Frederick Ayer was the opening speaker yesterday and talked on the complete thoroughness of the Beverly hospital's efficiency in all its branches and departments.

"What I want to tell you about is the kind of hospital you have here in Beverly," he stated, "and what I believe about the quality of service

readers. Broadly speaking, there are two ways of administering non-profit making hospitals—by maintaining an open staff policy, or by operating with closed or carefully selected staff, and there are some graduations in between. Now this requires some explanation. It means briefly that any licensed in the community is allowed to use the facilities of the

Open Staff Hospital

to take care of his patients without supervision.

You would not have to go many miles from Beverly to find hospitals which operated on this basis of an open staff. It comes pretty near meaning that any doctor in the community with a license to practice can take care of his patients in such a hospital and do what he pleases without any check on his qualifictaions. In other words, in such a hospital a man may undertake an operation, which he is utterly incompetent to perform, with disastrous results to the patient, and the hospital assumes no responsibility in protecting the public.

The other kind of hospital, the kind we have here, is that with a closed staff. Perhaps I should explain right here that our staff is made up of two parts. First the regular staff, the men who give their time to the hospital and have charge of all the ward patients, and the specialists like the roentgenologist and pathologist who work directly for the hospital. The other part is the associate staff composed of physicians in the community who enjoy the privilege of bringing private patients to the hospital and using its X-ray, laboratory and many other facilities. A closed staff means that only those doctors approved by the directors after consultation with the efficiency committee of the staff can practice in the hospital, and then only in the field for which they are approved. This does not mean that we would refuse approval to a well-qualified man from another community with a local patient."

Much credit for the efficiency of the Beverly hospital staff, Mr. Ayer gave to Dr. Peer P. Johnson, chief surgeon, who ranks among the top of the list of the country's "10 best" as selected by the famous Mayo brothers.

"The Beverly hospital has always placed emphasis on quality of service. This has been inevitable because of the character and standards of our Chief Surgeon, Dr. Johnson. As some of you may have discovered, he is intolerant of mediocrity."

May 1939 Hospital Day

ARTIST PAINTS UNUSUAL MURAL OF OPERATION

Beverly Hospital Doctors Portrayed at Work By Marblehead Man

Solomon Levenson, well known Marblehead artist, has painted a picture of an actual operation at Beverly hospital, and the canvass has been attracting much interest at the local institution.

The artist witnessed twelve major operations performed by Dr. Peer P. Johnson, chief surgeon, and his staff, and on the basis of pencil sketches and color notes made in the operating room, Levenson produced his unusual mural. It shows, in full surgical regalia, left to right, Dr. Ralph E. Stone, anethetist; Mrs. Bernice Stoddard, supervisor of the operating room; Dr. Johnson, Dr. David Ennis and Dr. Richard Alt (back to); Mrs. Jeannette Gueirro, surgery nurse; Dr. Daniel DeWolf, and an unidentified student nurse, all gathered around the operating table and performing their respective duties. The artist also included a picture of himself, standing at the right of the surgical group.

Also at he hospital, first exhibited at the Hospital Day open house observance last Saturday, are the various preliminary sketches made by Mr. Levenson. He will take them back and retouch the final mural before its definite permanent exhibition place is determined.

Mr. Levenson happened to paint the operating room scene after Dr. Johnson had been attracted by him painting a portrait of Mrs. Levenson while a patient at the hospital. The artist expressed a desire to paint the operation scene, and Dr. Johnson co-operated in making it possible.

SATURDAY, JULY 29, 1939.

Surgery at Beverly Hospital--

Photographs of Actual Amputation

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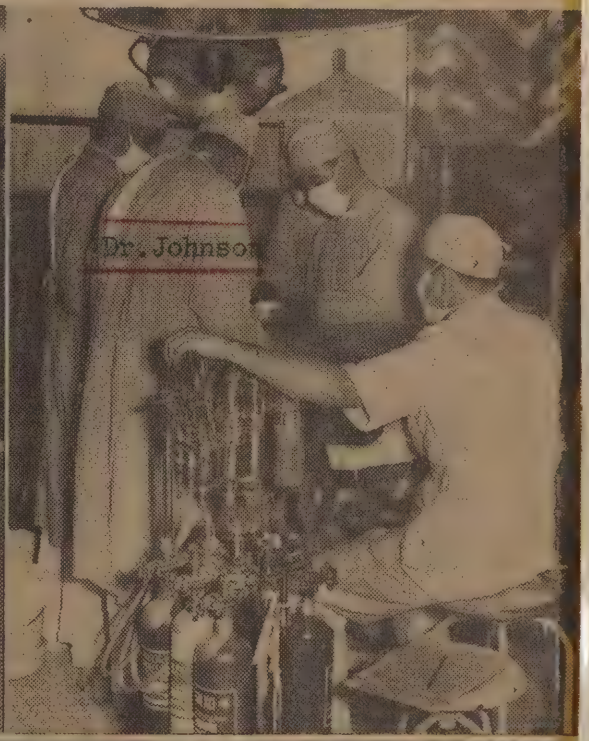

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SATURDAY, JULY 29, 1939.

Never before have such graphic pictures been published of Dr. Peer P. Johnson, chief surgeon at Beverly hospital, and his efficient staff performing an actual operation. This series, photographed by Edward F. MacNichol of Wenham, shows four steps in connection with the amputation of a leg just above the knee.

TOP LEFT, a nurse arranging instruments in preparation for the operation.

TOP RIGHT, the anaesthesia has been administered by the trained anesthetist (hand on machine), and the surgeons (Dr. Johnson, back to camera, and his first assistant, Dr. Richard F. Alt,) are surveying the patient.

CENTER PICTURE, Dr. Johnson (at right) begins the amputation as his aides assist. The cutting will be just above white covering in center, shown up clearly by the huge light overhead.

BELOW, the limb has been removed and Dr. Johnson (left, center) is finishing his work preparatory to dressing the remaining stub of the leg, which is seen below his hands. Note the light above, which casts no shadow no matter where the surgeons may be working underneath.

Beverly hospital is rated "A" by the American College of Surgeons, and is one of the few such institutions in Massachusetts approved for training internes in both medicine and surgery by the Council of Education of the American Medical association. In 1908, when the present hospital plant was erected, 148 operations were performed in the room you see in the above pictures, while in 1938 there were 1929 in the same room. 1200 of them major operations.

Larger surgical facilities are obviously needed here, and $75,000 of the $500,000 now being sought for new buildings is proposed to be used for a complete new surgery. Contributions to the present funds being raised will, therefore, not only help assure more adequate maternity and general hospital facilities, but also the most modern and complete surgical department here.

N. E. SURGEONS SOCIETY MEETS HERE TOMORROW

Beverly Hospital Host To Organization for Its Annual Session

Beverly hospital will be host tomorrow to the New England Surgical society, composed of leading surgeons from throughout New England, at that organization's annual meeting and election of officers.

Dr. Peer P. Johnson, chief surgeon of the local hospital, and Dr. Walter G. Phippen, of Salem, are in charge of arrangements for the affair, which opened today with sessions at Salem hospital. The headquarters for the convention is at the Hotel Hawthorne, Salem, from whence the approximately 90 surgeons will come by bus tomorrow morning, arriving at Beverly hospital about 9:30.

Each year the society holds its annual meeting and election at a different surgical center of New England, and the annual session here will be the first order of events tomorrow, when business of the society will be transacted, featured by the electin of officers. A clinic by the Beverly hospital staff will follow the annual meeting, and then various members of the organization will read papers on matters of importance in the ever-developing surgical profession. The visiting doctors will be the guests of the hospital at a luncheon at noon.

Present officers of the New England Surgical society are President John Homans, M.D., of Boston; Vice President James B. Woodman, M.D., Franklin, N.H.; Secretary John F. Gile, M.D., Hanover, N.H.; Treasurer Clinton D. Deming, M.D., Hartford, Conn., and Recorder Thomas H. Lanman, M.D., Boston. The executive committee is comprised of Dr. Johnson, Beverly; Lucious C. Kingman, M.D., Providence, R.I.; David M. Parker, M.D., Manchester, N.H.; Lyman Allen, M.D., Burlington, Vt., and Carl M. Robinson, M.D., Portland, Me.

N. E. Surgical Society In Session At Hospital Here

NAMES OFFICERS; ENJOYS LECTURES

Local Surgeons Present Clinic; Show Photos Of Operations

The annual business meeting and clinic of the New England Surgical society was held Saturday at the Beverly hospital with a large gathering of doctors from throughout the area.

Dr. Carl N. Robinson, of Portland, Me., was elected as the new president and all other officers were re-elected as follows: Dr. John F. Gile, Hanover, N. H., secretary; Dr. Clinton E. Deming, Hartford, Conn., treasurer; Dr. Thomas H. Lanman, Boston, recorder. Dr. Robinson succeeds Dr. John Homans of Boston as president.

At the business meeting, Dr. Richard E. Alt of the Beverly hospital staff was elected to membership.

The clinic included lectures on eight different subjects by six doctors of the Beverly hospital staff. Dr. Albert E. Parkhurst, chief of the medical service, spoke on Acute Pneumococcus Pericarditis with recovery without operation.

Dr. Barnard P. Todd, assistant to staff, assisted by Dr. Peer P. Johnson, told of Hyperinsulinism Due to Adenoma of the Pancreas; Dr. Paul E. Tivnan, roentgenologist, told of Two Interesting Bone Tumors; Dr. Charles F. Branch, consultant pathologist, lectured on The Pathology of Gangrenous Cholescystitis.

Dr. Alt, visiting surgeon, took three subjects, Hyperparathyroidism Due to Adenoma of the Parathyroid Gland, Lobectomy for Bronchiectasis; and Internal Fixation of Fractures of the Femoral Neck with motion pictures.

Dr. Johnson, surgeon-in-chief, showed motion pictures of the operation for Pancreatic Cyst and Hydronephrosis Due to Aberrant Blood Vessel.

Doctors attending the meeting included:

From Maine: Dr. Ralph W. Wakefield of Bar Harbor, Dr. Carl H. Stevens of Belfast, Dr. Isaac M. Webber and Dr. Carl M. Robinson of Portland, Dr. Neil A. Foss of Rockland, Dr. Stephen A. Cobb of Sanford.

From New Hampshire: Dr. Emery M. Fitch of Claremont, Dr. James W. Jameson of Concord, Dr. James B. Woodman of Franklin, Dr. John F. Gile and Dr. M. Dawson Tyson of Hanover, and Dr. David W. Parker, Dr. George C. Wilkins and Dr. Ezra A. Jones of Manchester.

From Vermont: Dr. John H. Woodruff of Barre, Dr. Philip H. Wheeler of Brattleboro, and Dr. Lyman Allen, Dr. George M. Sabin,

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Charles C. Lund, Dr. Ernest M. Daland, Dr. Horatio Rogers, Dr. Henry H. Faxon, Dr. Lincoln Davis, Dr. James C. White, Dr. Andre W. Reggio, Dr. George D. Cutler, Dr. Harlan F. Newton, Dr. Isaac D. Walker, Dr. Grantley W. Taylor, Dr. Robert C. Cochrane, Dr. Eugene M. O'Neil, Dr. Donald Munro, Dr. Edwin P. Hayden, Dr. Marius N. Smith-Peterson, Dr. Francis C. Newton and Dr. Thomas H. Lanman of Boston; Dr. Peer P. Johnson of Beverly, Dr. Samuel W. Goddard and Dr. George A. Moore of Brockton, Dr. Philemon E. Truesdale and Dr. Ralph W. French of Fall River, Dr. Halbert G. Stetson of Greenfield, Dr. Walter G. Phippen and Dr. Charles L. Curtis of Salem; Dr. Allen G. Rice and Dr. Ralph B. Ober of Springfield, Dr. Archibald J. Douglas of Westfield and Dr. Benjamin H. Alton and Dr. William F. Lynch of Worcester.

From Rhode Island: Dr. Charles H. Holt of Pawtucket, Dr. George W. Waterman, Dr. Eliot A. Shaw, Dr. Peter P. Chase, Dr. Emery M. Porter, Dr. Frederick V. Hussey, Dr. John B. Ferguson and Dr. Lucius C. Kingman of Providence.

From Connecticut: Dr. Halford B. Kneale, Dr. Daniel C. Patterson and Dr. H. Bertram Lambert of Bridgeport; Dr. Edward R. Lampson, Dr. Thacher W. Worthen, Dr. Donald B. Wells, Dr. Clinton D. Deming, Dr. Richard E. Dunne and Dr. James R. Miller of Harford; Dr. Thomas H. Russell of New Haven; Dr. Charles L. Larkin and Dr. Edward H. Kirschbaum of Waterbury and Dr. Edward J. Ottenheimer of Willimantic.

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New England Surgical Meeting
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John F Gile	Hanover N. H.
J. H. Woodruff	Burlington Vt
S. A. Cobb	Sanford Me.
R. B. Olney	Springfield Mass.
B. H. Alton	Worcester.
Ronald B Wells	Hartford
Edward H. Kirschbaum	Waterbury
Wm. F. Lynch	Worcester
C. A. Fleming	Hartford
Isaac M. Webber	Portland, Me.
Fingerle Cutler	Boston
Harlan A. Newton	Boston
C. P. Chandler	Manchester Vt
A. C. Kimball	Boston
W. D. Tyson	Hanover N.H.
E. W. Taylor	Boston
D. C. Patterson	Bridgeport
R. C. Cochrane	Boston.
Emery Porter	Providence.
Peter Pineo Chase	"

New England Surgical Meeting

Sept 30, 1939

Name	City
J. R. Mellen	Hartford Ct
W. Gradard	Brockton, Mass
Robert B. Osgood	Boston
John Homans	Boston
Lyman Allen	Burlington Vt
Ralph W. Makepeace	Bar Harbor, Me
Geo M Dabon	Burlington, Vt
H. M. Clute.	Boston Mass
Thomas H Russell	New Haven, Conn
Ivy Parker	Manchester N.H.
Campbell	Alabama
C. A. Porter	Salem
Carl H. Stevens	Belfast Me
Henry M Fitch	Claremont N.H.
Charles Lloyd	Boston
Carl W Robinson	Portland
W. H. Meade	Bridgeport Conn
Elliott Daland	Boston
L. A. Kingman	Providence
Charles H. Holt	Pawtucket, R.I.
Horace Ryan	Boston
E. Altenheimer	Willimantic Conn
Henry H. Faxon	Boston.
A. J. Douglas	Westfield Mass
O. R. Campbell	Hartford Conn
C. E. Truesdale	Fall River Mass
E. D. McInerney	Burlington Vt

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Name	City
H Burham Lambert	Bridgeport Ct
E. E. Thrall	Boston
Chas N. Farlman	Burlington Vt
~~Dorsey M. Summy~~	"
Halbert G. Stetson	Greenfield Mass
Donald Munro	Boston
Neal A. Fogg	Rockland Me
Edward Hayden	Boston
W. H. Smith - Peterboro	Boston
Elliot A Shaw	Prov R.I.
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Name	City
Phelps H. Wheeler	Brattleboro
Lincoln Davis	Boston
James C. White	"
[illegible] W Watson	Hartford Ct
Fredric V. Hussey	Providence R. I.
Allen J. Rice	Stoneham
William Leggett	Boston

Dr. Peer P. Johnson (left), chief surgeon of Beverly hospital, and Charles E. Ober, chairman of the local drive, seem highly confident that the goal of $500,000 will be reached in current campaign for funds with which to erect new buildings at the hospital. They are shown at last night's dinner-meeting in the High school gymnasium. Other pictures on back page.—(Times Staff Photo)

A PROCLAMATION

The Beverly Hospital has launched its campaign to raise a Five Hundred Thousand Dollar Building fund. Perhaps I should say that we, the people of the City of Beverly are conducting this drive for funds for the express purpose of making our hospital large enough to meet our every requirement. Beverly Hospital is one of our most important institutions and stands ready at all times to serve the people of Beverly.

The support of the Beverly Hospital should be our concern since it does not operate for profit and has never refused admission to anyone because of his or her inability to pay. It is a charitable institution with the sole purpose of serving mankind.

Although the present hospital and its staff are second to none in efficiency and learning, the facilities are not large enough to meet our demands. This condition must be corrected. I, therefore, urge every person in the city to make it his or her business to put this campaign over to a successful conclusion and prove that the people of Beverly are always in the front ranks of those who are ready and willing to serve humanity.

DANIEL E. McLEAN, Mayor.

EXPECT HOSPITAL ADDITIONS TO BE FINISHED BY MAY

Director Ayer Tells Rotary Cost About $520,000; Beverly "A-1"

The new wing and other additions at Beverly Hospital will be completed about the latter part of April or first of May at a total cost of approximately $520,000, all of which has been raised. Frederick Ayer, president of the hospital's board of directors, yesterday announced during his talk on various matters pertaining to the institution before the members of the Beverly Rotary club in Greycroft inn.

A recent visit to one of the most exclusive hospitals in New York City convinced him, Mr. Ayer stated, that Beverly Hospital has more up-to-date and desirable equipment than even that New York institution and than most Boston hospitals. When the new additions are finished, he said, the increased annual operating cost of the entire local hospital will be about $20,000, and the only outstanding deficits yet to be financed are those for 1939 and 1940.

Mr. Ayer spoke following the regular weekly luncheon-meeting of Rotary, being introduced by Vice President Daniel G. Tower, program chairman. During the business session, President Robert L. Spiller announced that the "Beverley (Eng.) Spitfire Fund" buttons were available from Secretary Wesley T. Perkins, and inasmuch as the club some time ago had voted to assist Mayor Daniel E. McLean and his special committee in raising money for the "Mayoress' of Beverley's Shilling Fighter Fund," he urged all members to procure and sell as many of the buttons as possible at a quarter each. Mayor L. Watts of this city's English namesake is president of the Rotary club there.

On the invitation of the Beverly Chamber of Commerce, the Rotarians voted to hold their meeting scheduled for January 23 on Monday night, January 20, when the annual service clubs' night of the Chamber will be conducted in the Beverly High school gymnasium. All local service clubs have been invited to participate in this affair.

"It takes more than fine buildings to make a fine hospital," Mr. Ayer declared in opening his remarks. He then highly praised Dr. Peer P. Johnson, chief of staff, and his associates as the "heart of Beverly Hospital." Dr. Johnson, he said, should be given full credit for the superior type of service provided by the hospital. He also stressed the importance of "team-work" through consultations by physicians at the hospital for diagnosing ailments. X-rays and laboratory tests are combined for better diagnosis, he stated, and "it's the whole team working together that helps so much."

Continual education of the entire medical staff is another major feature of Beverly Hospital, Mr. Ayer pointed out, through the review and study of all unusual cases at monthly staff meetings. This, he said, aids in analyzing cases and aiding the doctors in better recognizing and coping with them. Through autopsies, of which there is an exceptionally high percentage at Beverly Hospital, still more information is gained for the benefit of others stricken similarly to those whose bodies have been given post mortems. The Germans, Mr. Ayer stated, first showed the value of autopsies by becoming exceptionally adept in surgery as a result of the facts learned through them. Other nations soon followed this lead, he said, until today the United States is ahead of all others in the number of autopsies performed annually.

Nurses at Beverly hospital, Mr. Ayer continued, are taught the important fact of keeping the patient's needs and desires foremost in their minds; and the blood transfusion squad of the Beverly American Legion, including some men who are not Legionnaires, has proved of inestimable value in saving lives. Miss Mae A. Bartley, hospital superintendent, at Mr. Ayer's request gave him several instances where the public has been given misunderstandings about the Beverly institution; and he empasized how necessary it is for patients to report anything to their disliking directly to the authorities before leaving the hospital so they can better be remedied.

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From 1938 Annual Report of
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Staff:

The aim of the Surgical Service is to provide as good surgery as is possible to obtain anywhere. In order to accomplish this, it has been felt that the most satisfactory result could be obtained by having the Staff limited to men giving practically their full time to surgical work. It seems well to recommend that for the future only those men who are approved by the American Board of Surgery should occupy the key positions in the Department, and that other appointments should be given only to those whose training is such as to put them in a position to qualify at the proper time. This will be a guarantee to the public that they can safely entrust themselves to the Hospital for surgical care.

We still feel it advisable to continue our present method of conducting the periods of service. In most small institutions the surgeon is on duty for two to three months, then off for the remainder of the year, doing only such surgery as may come to him in a private capacity. Our method is to have the service continuous, day in and day out, so that the surgeon is constantly in touch with surgical problems and operative work. By this method we believe that the surgeon's diagnostic skill, judgment, and operative technique is far superior to those spasmodically active in surgery. This method of staffing the Surgical Service and of limiting the work to only those men highly trained in surgery undoubtedly meets with some disapproval from the men who would like to do an occasional operation, but its advantages so far outweigh its disadvantages that we believe it should be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

PEER P. JOHNSON, M.D., *Surgeon-in-Chief.*

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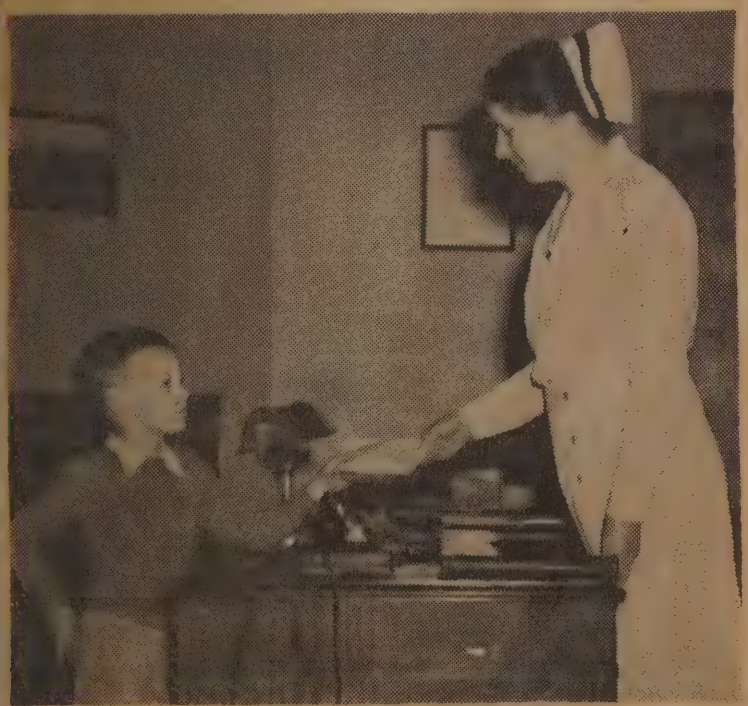
Mrs. Peer P. Johnson

Among those attending the dinner for those taking important part in the hospital drive were: Oliver Walcott of Hamilton, Mrs. Phillip Sears (almost out of sight), Mrs. Peer P. Johnson, John W. Bethel and Mayor Daniel E. McLean.—(Times Staff Photo)

Mr. Bethell Dr. Johnson Mrs. Bethell

Seated at the table reserved for Dr. Peer P. Johnson at the Italian spaghetti dinner for the benefit of the Beverly Hospital fund were, left to right, J. W. Bethel, Mrs. Homer White, Dr. Johnson, Mrs. J. W. Bethel and in the foreground, F. J. Levisieur.—(Times Staff Photo)

The First Fully Paid Cash Contribution



Youthful initiative resulted in this picture being made. It is of little Johnny Torrey Bethell, age 7, great-grandson of Dr Samuel W. Torrey, founder of Beverly hospital, presenting Miss Mae A. Bartley, hospital superintendent, with the first fully paid cash contribution to the new building fund, the goal of which is $500,000. Johnny realized the sum of $3 from the sale of vegetables he raised at his home in Essex, and, having heard his parents talking about the current hospital campaign, decided he would give his proudly-earned money to the cause of carrying on and expanding the fine work started by his great-grandfather.

Johnny Torrey Bethell

DR. JOHSON SPEAKS

A very good representation of members of the Hamilton, Wenham, Topsfield, Lynnfield Teachers Federation met alst evening at the Viking Inn at Marblehead, where they enjoyed dinner and the first business meeting of the 1939-40 season.

The business was conducted by the president of the organization, Miss Edith M. Anderson of Hamilton, and reports were given by Miss Bessie Bucker of Wenham, secretary pro tem, and Charles Fethybridge, treasurer.

After a short business discussion, the president turned the meeting over to the chairman of the entertainment committee for the evening, Miss Ellen Duffy of the Lamson school. She in turn introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Dr. Peer P. Johnson, surgeon-in-chief of the Beverly hospital, who showed colored movies which he took on a recent trip to the Virgin Islands.

The movies over, Dr. Johnson continued to entertain with various anecdotes about his trip and other bits of interesting information which he gave in reply to numerous questions asked by members of his audience.

The Federation was especially grateful to Dr. Johnson for giving his time and entertaining them in such a delightfully instructive way.

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Dr. Johnson and Charles Honeysett, Jr.
a former patient

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 1940.

Ground Breaking for New Local Hospital Addition Hailed As Humanity Aid

Occasion Doubly-Important In View Of Mass Annihilation Of Lives In Europe; First Soil Is Turned By Ayer and Connolly

As if in defiance of the German mad-man who is slaughtering countless thousands of human beings in Europe, members of the board of directors and staff of the Beverly hospital shortly after 9 o'clock this morning participated in the first ceremony marking the beginning of their long-needed half-million-dollar additions to the institution, dedicated to saving lives and starting new ones along the road to good health and happiness. The occasion brought to realization the commencement of the work to which the people of Beverly and vicinity had contributed through both small and large donations—commencement of a genuine community enterprise.

"We are naturally very pleased to be able to commence this work, which we had hoped to get underway much sooner than this, because we can now begin to realize the great improvement to the hospital for which he have been striving so hard to have erected," declared Frederick Ayer, president of the directors, as he turned over the first shovel of earth as a large group of his associates and other interested persons looked on, smiling their approval and equal gratification over the event.

The ground-breaking program really was in two parts, by Mr. Ayer and his hand shovel and by Stephen J. Connolly, of Beverly Farms, the last of the original incorporators of the hospital and a member of the board of directors for 46 years, longer than any other individual. Mr. Connolly mounted the steam shovel of his contracting firm, Connolly Brothers, which has been awarded the excavating and landscaping sub-contract for the construction company, J. W. Harris Associates, of New York, and he operated the machine to dig out the first mechanical shovel of soil on the site of the main maternity and surgery wing.

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Mayor Daniel E. McLean, Dr. Peer P. Johnson, chief surgeon of the hospital, Miss Mae A. Bartley, hospital superintendent, and many others closely-affiliated with the institution were among the throng on hand for the ceremony, which was enhanced by a bright, warm summer morning. Many patients and nurses were also on the sun porches at the rear of the private wing to help cheer and applaud as Mr. Connolly and Mr. Ayer performed their proud duties.

Almost everyone was heard to comment during the course of the half-hour period that it seemed especially wonderful for the people of Beverly, Mass., U.S.A., could launch a construction program for the further benefits of mankind over here at the same time a maniac across the Atlantic is directing the mass annihilation of human lives. This thought seemed to prevail throughout the simple but impressive ceremonies, and all thanked God for the privilege of rendering greater service to this community and people of other cities and towns aided by the Beverly hospital.

The additions to the institution will be built by the Harris concern, whose low bid for the construction work was $469,000, and by the time all architects and engineers fees, equipment, etc., have been paid, the program will cost about $500,000. This means that at least $50,000 more than already made available, as a result of last year's huge drive, must be raised to meet the total expense of the undertaking, and Mr. Ayer is hopeful that the full sum needed will be realized before the buildings are completed next April first.

The main wing for which the ground was broken this morning will be four stories high with the stop floor occupied by new surgery facilities, made necessary by the constant growth of the out-patient clinics which will eventually take over the entire present surgery department. Especially crowded for years has been the existing maternity department, and the new wing will provide accommodations for 23 general maternity beds and 16 private maternity beds, a delivery section and nurseries, as well as 27 beds for general hospital uses, assembly rooms, doctors' offices, examining rooms, nurses' training school offices and class rooms. Also to be realized through this construction program will be enlarged kitchen facilities, dining room, laundry, power house and nurses' home addition.

The ever-increasing need of the larger quarters at Beverly hospital is well-demonstrated by a few statistics made known today. When the hospital was first started back in 1893, there were but 90 house patients listed for the entire year, while the number had jumped to 193 in 1903, 925 in 1913, 2,161 in 1928, 3,285 in 1938 and 3,431 in 1939. Of all the births recorded in Beverly, last year, 86.8 percent of the maternity cases were cared for at the local hospital, compared with 83 percent in 1938 and 32.2 in 1920. The daily average is 12 more maternity patients than the hospital was designed to accommodate. The out-patient clinics increased from 5,870 patient in 1938 to 8,348 in 1939. The present kitchen was originally planned for a 50-bed hospital, but last year alone 320,090 meals were prepared and served from there, compared with 29,718 meals in 1938.

The new facilities when completed obviously, will provide much more adequate accommodations for all of the hospital's services.

June 5, 1940

Commencement Of Long-Sought Community Enterprise At Beverly Hospital

With a large throng of directors, staff members and other spectators present, ground was broken this morning for the new half-million-dollar addition to Beverly hospital. In the top picture Stephen J. Connolly, oldest director of the institution, operates his steam shovel to dig out the first earth on the site of the new main wing, while members of the board of directors and hospital staff pause for the camera-man in the lower picture as President Frederick Ayer (with shovel) turns over the first hand shovel of soil. — (Times Staff Photos)

May 1940

Hospital Day Observance Here Draws 223 Visitors

Comparison Of Past and Present Methods and Equipment Are Features Of Program At Local Institution; Gift Shop Opens

MONDAY, MAY 13, 1940.

A group of the nurses wore the uniforms of the past as a part of the observation of National Hospital Day at the Beverly hospital Saturday afternoon. They are left to right, first Miss Marion Loeman, the modern nurse, Miss Charlotte Waltz and Miss Stacia Kuconis in the long sleeved voluminous dress of long ago and Miss Fay Smiley dressed as the superintendent of about 50 years ago appeared.—(Times Staff Photo)

A comparison of the past and present of medical science was the theme of the Beverly Hospital's observance of National Hospital Day Saturday. Over 223 people visited the fine exhibits showing the many phases of hospital care, which were arranged along the main corridor. Nurses wearing uniforms of long ago made a sharp contrast to the modern nurses.

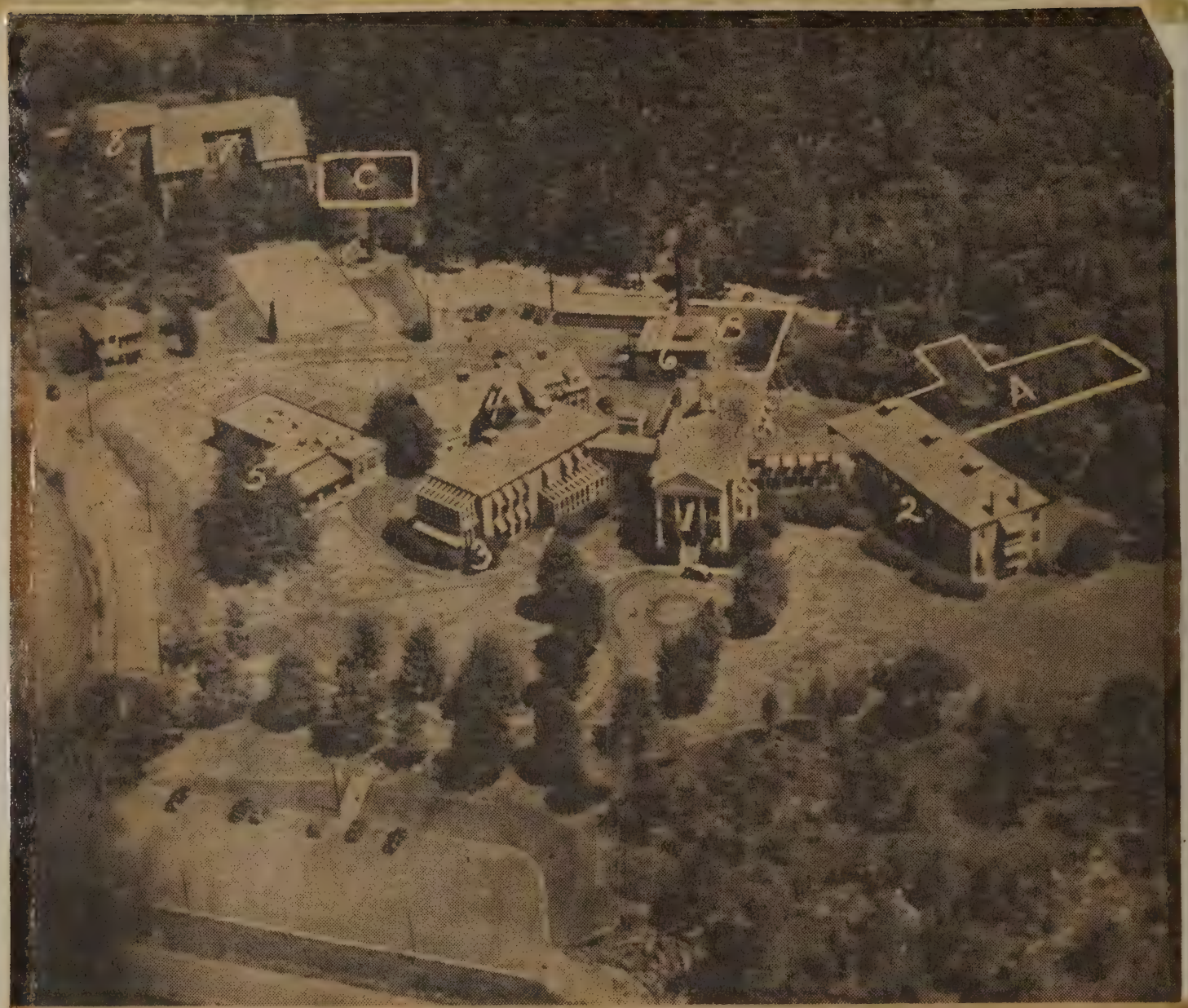
An old time apothecary shop with herbs and roots in glass jars, scales dating back to the 14th century and other relics of the past stood beside the modern drugs and instruments incased in the latest, sanitary bottles. Among the other exhibits were old instruments, old records and old medical books dating back to 1654; trays of food showing the various diets served; diagrams made by students in the school of nursing; an occupational therapy exhibit; the Wagenstein outfit; the treatment of fracture cases; the respirator and the electric bed; oxygen therapy and blood transfusion.

An interesting poster made by John Bethel hung on one of the corridor walls and illustrated the growth of the hospital and the need for enlargement. The nurses took the visitors on a tour of the hospital during the afternoon. Miss Joana [illegible] of Beverly Farms, a member of the Red Cross Volunteer corp was also present to assist at the exhibit.

Tea was served by the members of the Nurses Alumnae association at the nurses home during the afternoon. Those who poured were Mrs. Peer P. Johnson, Mrs. Gordon C. Prince and Mrs. Clarence O. Hood.

The attractive new gift shop which was opened Saturday for the first time in the solarium was one of the most popular spots visited. The shining glass showcases contained a great variety of dainty articles such as water sets, compacts, ash trays, vases, ornaments, and baby clothes as well as candy and suitable gifts. The volunteer clerks, Mrs. Frank Wallis and Mrs. L. L. Buck, members of the Hospital Aid association wore pretty two piece dresses of blue and peach.

Miss Mae Bartleey, hospital superindent and Dr. Peer P. Johnson were both present to greet visitors and explain the exhibits.



HOSPITAL EXPANSION—Added to this Times staff air view of Beverly hospital are numbers designating the various existing buildings and letters showing where the additions will be made with the money raised in Beverly's largest single drive of the year, a $500,000 fund. (1) Administration building, housing offices, dining rooms and kitchens on first floor, and, with solarium connecting building 2, maternity department on second floor to be assigned to medical and surgical patients when the new wing is completed. (2) Private rooms pavilion for medical and surgical patients; X-day and records departments and laboratories in basement. (3) General adult wards, men patients on first floor, w[illegible] on second. (4) Operating rooms and out patient department, both of which will be used, after the new addition is built, for clinic, accid[illegible] and out patient work. (5) Sears children's ward, given in memory of David Sears, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Sears, Pride's Crossing. (6) Boiler house and laundry. (7-8) Nurses' home. (9) Annex to nurses' home, formerly engineer's cottage. (A) Where new wing will be constructed to accomodate maternity patients, private medical and surgical patients, and complete operating suite, latter on top floor. (B) Site of addition to dining rooms, kitchens, boiler house and laundry. (C) Location of addition to nurses' home. Construction of the new buildings will start in the spring.

August 23, 1940

Construction of Additions For Hospital Progressing

(Above) This picture taken last week at the Beverly hospital shows the progress made at that time on the new hospital wing, the largest of the four additions being erected under the half million dollar project. The cement floor, on which the workmen are shown laboring, has been completed now, and the brick work is completed to the top of the first floor. Notice the two patients on the piazza in the background watching the goings-on.

The construction of Beverly hospital's half million dollar additions have been progressing rapidly the last few weeks after many delays in the beginning because of rainy weather.

Prior to a month ago, although the work was started on June 5th, the men had been unable to work for three consecutive days.

Cement sidewall foundations have been poured for each of the four additions: The new hospital wing, the laundry building and supply storage room, the new kitchen and the new nurses dining room, and the addition to the nurses' dormitory.

The ground floor to the new hospital wing has also been poured and the brick work has been completed as high as the workers can go without using structural steel. The structural steel was shipped from Bethlehem, Pa., Wednesday and it is expected to be here within a few days.

So far the project has not been delayed by the demand of the government for metals for its national defense program, but it is anticipated that it will be delayed in the future. The construction of a large building was halted in Boston recently when Uncle Sam commandeered steel.

About 80 workmen, mainly specialized, are working at the hospital at the present time, all of whom, in so far as is possible are from the area which the hospital serves, with the exception of a gang boss and a straw boss of the contractors on each job, according to J. W. Dickinson, the owner's representative.

The new hospital wing, the largest of the four additions, will be five stories high, graduating in for the fourth floor where the operating room will be located and graduating in again for the fifth floor, which will be called a pent house, and will accommodate the air conditioning equipment.

The new kitchen will be constructed of streamlined stainless steel with new equipment. The nurses dining room will be located on the second floor. The new nurses dormitory will be three stories high and will include 41 new beds.

A new service corridor will connect the new buildings, excluding the nurses dormitory. The corridor will be about 150 feet long. It is partially completed at the present time.

Oil will replace coal in heating the hospital as soon as the new buildings are completed. Two huge oil tanks, containing a total of 25,000 gallons have been installed in the ground, filled and passed by Fire Chief John Cressy. The setting for one of the three new boilers to be installed is also near completion.

(Bids) The new chimney is shown under construction. It was completed last Wednesday and reaches to a height of 95 feet. In this picture, the stack is within 15 feet of the top. The dot at the top is the brick mason who completed the job in one day short of three weeks. The old chimney to the left will be toppled as soon as the new one can be attached to the new boilers.—(Times Staff Photos)

The giant chimney, which rises to a height of 95 feet, was completed last Wednesday, just one day short of three weeks from the time the expert from the Custodis Chimney company of New York started to work. He was aided by three helpers who carried the brick and mortar to him as he progressed.

The chimney is an engineering feat, in that it is designed to withstand a 100 mile an hour gale without the use of anchor bolts. It is eight feet six inches at the bottom and is equipped with a lightning rod and ground. On the inside it is insulated with special tile.

One interesting feat which has been accomplished to date was the removal of four layers of piping in the ground back of the laundry and replacing it with new without depreciable discontinuance of service to the present hospital.

The Beverly Gas & Electric company went onto the grounds one rainy day and took some half dozen transformers from poles in various places about the rear yard to the hospital and concentrated them in an eight- by 12-foot enclosure, close to the ground so that they will not be an eye sore.

The company did this work without shutting down the power on the laundry. The only impediment in service to the entire hospital was to shut down the ventilating system in the operating room for 20 minutes and to shut down electrical service to the X-ray room for two hours.

The transformers govern service to every section of the hospital. The high tension feeds to the transformers had to be changed in this instance, too.

For an example of the conditions under which the contractors are working, since it is important that they do not disturb the operation of the old hospital, jammed with 148 patients whereas it was constructed to care for only 120, the contractors, in piping the new steam supply into the present hospital, could be allowed only six feet of floor space at a time. In one instance, they had to wait until the staple food products were moved into the vegetable room and the vegetables into the canned goods room. The vegetable room was the only place sufficiently insulated to house the food stuffs.

It was first thought that the noise that the contractors made during the course of construction would disturb the patients in the hospital, but it has been found to work just the other way. The patients welcome the opportunity for distraction from the woes of sickness and many are wheeled out each day onto piazzas overlooking the construction to watch the workmen.

MARCH 11, 1941.

Bott Asks Dr. Johnson To Lead Health Defense

Local Public Safety Chairman Takes Step At Special Meeting Called By Mayor About Transportation, General Protection

Many new angles of the now-rapidly developing home defense program in Beverly were brought yesterday afternoon at a conference of city officials and men who can provide transportation of wounded persons in the time of a war emergency here, called together by Mayor Daniel E. McLean on the suggestion of Dr. Peer P. Johnson, chief surgeon at Beverly hospital.

The meeting was primarily intended to start activity locally for a medical preparedness program, and Mayor McLean, as honorary chairman of the Beverly Committee on Public Safety, first introduced Dr. Johnson, a member of the medical committee appointed by Governor Leverett Saltonstall to formulate plans to be sponsored by the Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety and recommended for adoption by the local committees in every city and town in the State.

Dr. Johnson explained that his chief interest was to try to get a better picture of what a community like Beverly could do in the matter of providing first aid and transportation, as well as emergency hospitalization facilities, to cope with a possible bombing catastrophe. He stated that he fully realized that the responsibility for co-ordinating all emergency organizations, facilities and man-power rested with Thomas H. Bott, Jr., assistant treasurer of the Beverly Savings bank, as chairman of the Beverly Public Safety committee, but he felt that such a meeting as that yesterday would bring out information pertinent to the entire preparedness planning program.

Chairman Bott in turn outlined the progress and program of the Committee on Public Safety, stressing that the projected set-up as recommended by the State organization calls for a concentrated home defense effort divided into three major parts, protection, health and social services and services and supply. The former, he said, is now being organized in the various communities, and from the classifications resulting from the current voluntary civilian registration for non-military service, men and women will become available for carrying out specific assignments in the three branches of the projected home defense undertaking.

The local chairman, under whom all civilian police, fire, medical, food supply and housing programs will be conducted here, stated that he was especially pleased to have Dr. Johnson step forward in the interest of the all-important medical planning, and he asked him then and there to head up the Beverly committee on public health for the public safety group. He further suggested that, in view of Dr. Johnson's interest, plus his connection with the entire State set-up, that Beverly proceed to correlate its resources for public health protection in the time for air raid disaster.

DR. PEER P. JOHNSON
on Governor's committee.

"Preparedness," he emphasized, "is something of which there cannot be too much. Our job on the Public Safety committee is to see that the civilian population of Beverly is given every possible protection for life and property, and with the wholehearted co-operation of every individual in this community, we will attain that goal."

Chairman Bott reviewed the now authorized air raid warden system,

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adapted from the English set-up, which was explained by General Daniel Needham, its director, at a recent meeting of about 300 local committee chairmen at the State House in Boston.

According to the warden plan, each precinct of the local community would be placed under the supervision of a warden in case of any war emergency, with a central depot coordinating all services necessitated by the situation at hand. It was brought out by Chief of Police Joseph C. Murney that the plan might be applied to other than wartime emergencies, that occasional disasters, general alarm fires, hurricanes, floods and other perils to the community could be ably handled by a system of this kind.

Dr. Johnson suggested that the schools of the community, being conveniently located to serve all neighborhoods, might be the natural district headquarters for first aid stations and hospitalization facilities, and Superintendent of Schools Starr M. King agreed that the school department was ready to cooperate in every way.

Charles E. Campbell, funeral director and member of the Beverly board of health, suggested that a survey be made of the resources of the community. After the voluntary registration of civilians for home defense, it was pointed out, the results will be classified, and these will give the Public Safety committee something to go by so as to then enable them to plan and coordinate.

The problem of supplies was taken up and the means of raising money for these were discussed. Dr. Johnson declared that while an organization is already being set at the Beverly hospital, the problem of money for the supplies and the transportation of these should be left to the hospital, which already is doing its part. Colonel Frederick Stopford inquired how the money for supplies was to be raised, and Dr. Johnson stated that he believed Mr. Bott had given the matter consideration. Dr. Johnson said he had talked with the mayor on the question of meeting the emergency medical problem, and he informed the committee that he understood attempts were being made to obtain appropriations from the state legislature, inasmuch as the Red Cross could not be expected to furnish all bandages and surgical dressings.

At that point, the question of raising the money necessary for supplies occupied the center of interest, and various plans were suggested. Colonel Stopford suggested a quiz program at the Beverly hospital; a minstrel show, solicited contributions, and other means were offered for suggestion by the various committeemen. Carleton B. Hovey, managing editor of the Beverly Times, and chairman of the Beverly Committee to Defend America, pointed out the number of funds and campaigns and organizations to raise money for various countries already in existence, and he viewed the possibility of an eventual "Bundles For America" drive.

Dr. Johnson and Chairman Bott spoke at some length and were questioned by the others present, each of whom in turn had something to contribute to the discussion as a whole. It was felt that the first thing to be done was the registration and classification of civilian skills. It was suggested that Doctor Johnson select his group and work out the health part of the program, which may be handled by the doctors, with the assistance, as suggested by Campbell, of the dentists of the community who have more medical training than the average layman. A complete survey of the supplies on hand is to be made, stretchers could possibly be made by the National Youth Administration under the direction of Fred Clark and Mrs. Ruth B. Gallagher, who volunteered their services and those of their N. Y. A boys and girls.

Chief John Cressy of the fire department offered to arrange a demonstration of first aid by the fire department for the benefit of the mayor's committee. Every piece of apparatus in the local department he said, carries a first aid kit, which is used by men who know how to use it to best advantages. The fire department possesses two inhalators which have been used many times to save lives since the department has had them, and about 35 gas masks in good working order. These are proof against smoke, organic fumes, and emollients, but not against carbon monoxide. For that, the department has two special fresh air masks which resemble a diving helmet and 150 feet of hose.

At this point in the discussion, Mr. Hovey suggested that since the burden of protection, in the case of fires started by incendiary bombs, would fall upon the fire department, it might not be a bad idea to consider the state of the present equipment. Since the state and federal governments are spending money and since the responsibility for home defense will rest with the individual community, any needed equipment for the fire department should be provided or replaced by the local city government and taxpayers. He stressed the need for a financing plan to prepare that department for the big job it might have to do. Fire Chief Cressy substantiated Hovey's remarks and volunteered the information that the department vitally needs new equipment, instead of running up repair bills for already outmoded rolling stock.

The fire chief was asked by Colonel Stopford what the department would do if it were called upon to answer ten alarms in ten parts of the city at once, a conceivable situation in the event of an air read. Chief Cressy replied that the department would not be equipped to handle such a situation. He further stated that in the past, beyond the Chelsea and the Salem fires, the department thankfully has not been called upon to deal with such a situation, but has taken care of as many fires as five or six alarms at once "by the grace of God" and often with the aid of good neighbors. Colonel Stopford remarked that there would probably be no good neighbors in such an event as the one postulated, that they would be occupied enough with their own emergency. Stopford asked the chief what additional stock was necessary to make the department equipped for any emergency. The chief answered that more men and more apparatus would be required. Asked about the volunteers, the chief seemed to feel that he could not answer for them as he could for his regulars whom he knows to be well trained and capable.

Abraham Sterman seemed to voice the feelings of the committee when he summarized by saying that charity beginning as it does at home it would be a wise thing for the committee to survey existing extra beds and other supplies, transportation, volunteer skills, ways and means of raising money, and to educate the people of the community to the fact of the danger to this country of the present war in Europe and to do these things at once. With this, Chairman Bott, who is also president of the Beverly Chamber of Commerce, announced that the Chamber would gladly undertake a census of various materials, such as beds, to aid the defense program.

All in all, out of the meeting seemed to come a willingness of spirit on the part of civic leaders to grapple with the problems presented by such a defense effort, and a tendency to face the issues realistically yet calmly, with a view to dealing with them as effectively and with as much cooperation as could be obtained from the community at large.

Those attending yesterday's meeting were Mayor McLean, Chairman Bott, Dr. Johnson, Dora L. Edwards, Harold W. Lee, Charles E. Campbell, Delano M. Kennard, Carleton B. Hovey, Col. Frederick W. Stopford, NYA Boys' Director Fred W. Clark, NYA Girls' Director Mrs. Ruth B. Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools Starr M. King, Fire Chief John Cressy, Police Chief Joseph C. Murney, Abraham Sterman, Neiland J. Douglas, Commissioner of Public Works Albert H. Richardson, William McDonald, and Leverett Murray, the last two named representing, respectively, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, Murray, also being chairman of men's registration locally.

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April 14, 1941

Dr. Peer P. Johnson, Chairman
Division of Health & Social Services
Committee on Public Safety
Beverly, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Johnson:

I am very glad to be informed by Mr. Thomas A. Dott that you have been appointed Chairman of Health and Social Services for Beverly.

The program of the Division of Health and Social Services is a dual one.....to prepare for any possible emergency attack and to strengthen all health and social services as a basis for such defense. Our work need not wait for action upon the arising of an emergency; it begins at once. There is immediate need of service to soldiers and sailors and their families. Good defense morale requires national, state and local efforts to establish the right relationship between the soldiers and the civilian population. All available agencies such as the Legion, Women's Organizations, Churches, Service Clubs, etc., should be interested to develop the proper sentiment of recognition of the soldier and of bringing him up to the corresponding feeling of responsibility.

Local committees in Cities and Towns, where there are numbers of soldiers or sailors, are effectively forming committees on canteens, lodging, transportation, information, recreation and protective social measures. These activities develop the right relationship of recognition by the civilian population and responsibility of the soldier.

This is only the first step in the defense program. It is good because it brings the agencies and the organizations into action and it is something upon which we can build in shaping the whole program. More activities will develop in this field of general preparation.

From the enclosed suggested Organization Plan for Local Units you will see that a complete organization of the Health and Social Services Division requires you to appoint three Chairmen, one for Medical Aid, one for Social Services and one for Health.

The State Chairman on Medical Aid, Dr. Elliott C. Cutler, is sending out a letter of instructions covering that subject. That Chairman should obviously be a physician.

Professor Curtis M. Hilliard is the State Chairman on Health and I am acting as the State Chairman on Social Services.

The enclosed list of functions of local committees, with some of the agencies which are availalbe for service, will indicate the kind of work which is likely to be developed in these two Divisions. The people whom you appoint as Chairmen should be people who will be able to get the cooperation of the various agencies. If you will notify us of these appointments we will send further instructions and information to them as soon as the material is prepared.

The objective of the State Committee is not to undertake to control and direct activities but to suggest the work that can be done and urge every organization to work as hard and as effectively as it can in the National Defense Program.

Sincerely yours,

Richard K. Conant

Richard K. Conant, Director
Division of Health & Social Services

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May 13, 1941

Dear Dr. Johnson:

The increasing likelihood of a national emergency has greatly accelerated the work of the Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety. The three major committees of Health and Social Services, Public Services and Supplies, and Protection are now appointing Regional Directors subsidiary to the Central Committees. It is hoped that these Regional Directors, appointed by counties except in the case of Middlesex where there will be three Directors corresponding to the North, South, and East County Medical Societies, will greatly facilitate the urgent matters now at hand.

The Executive Committee of the Medical Committee is asking you to serve as Regional Director for Essex County. The matter is of immediate concern. If you accept, you will receive a direct appointment from the Governor's Committee to this post. We urgently request you to accept this post. The part you can play immediately is as follows:

1. The enclosed letter and questionnaire has gone out to each of the 353 townships and cities in Massachusetts. Thus far, 75 have replied. In your County the following communities have answered the questionnaire:

Andover	Haverhill
Beverly	Newburyport
Georgetown	Salem

Dr Snow

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The following communities in your district have not answered:

Amesbury	Methuen
Boxford	Middleton
Danvers	Nahant
Essex	Newbury
Gloucester	North Andover
? ~~Groveland~~	Peabody
Hamilton	~~Rockport~~
Ipswich	Rowley
Lawrence	Salisbury
Lynn	Saugus
Lynnfield	~~Swampscott~~
Manchester	Topsfield
Marblehead	Wenham
~~Merrimac~~	West Newbury

Replaced Andover Beverly Georgetown Merrimac Newburyport Rockport Salisbury

Will you please, by phone or other immediate contact, get in touch with the local Defense Committee of each township. Find out who is the Medical Chairman and see that he fills out the questionnaire sent to him on April 5, and returns it to this office as soon as possible.

2. Another suggestion for you is as follows:

Some of the small communities have no doctors, and thus several have laymen for their Medical Chairmen. Many towns have requested that they be allowed to cooperate with neighboring towns so as to form a group with a hospital as the center. We think this is highly desirable and in your contacts it would be wise to bear this in mind.

This is a big job, but you can break it down among assistants and friends in so far as you wish. The essential idea is to get action now.

There is one further matter which may be of assistance to you. The District Health Officer for your area is Dr. Robert E. Archibald, 114 Youle Street, Melrose. These men have been contacted through Dr. Edward Huber, Assistant Director of Division of Administration, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, who sits on our Executive Committee, and they will be glad to be of any assistance to you.

May 13, 1941

Please let me know your reaction as soon as possible.

Gratefully yours,

Elliott C. Cutler, M.D.
Peter Bent Brigham Hospital
Boston, Massachusetts

Dr. Peer Johnson
1 Monument Square
Beverly, Massachusetts

P.S. We hope that at the Massachusetts Medical Society meeting on May 22 time will be given for Mr. Farley, Executive Director of the Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety, to explain the situation and perhaps I will have an opportunity to state the medical situation to the staff including the Regional Directors under whom this work is being conducted.

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JOHNSON FAVORS LEGISLATION ON MEDICAL SERVICE

Non Profit Plan Will Be Given Hearing At Hub On Wednesday

The State Legislature committee on Insurance Matters has scheduled a public hearing on House Bill 1477 the Medical Service Plan, for Wednesday, Feb. 19. This bill will allow the formation of a non-profit medical service corporation similar to the existing Blue Cross hospital service plan.

The bill is receiving enthusiastic support throughout the state. George Putnam, president of the Associated Hospital Service, said today:

"We are constantly asked by the subscribing public what is being done to provide a budgetary basis for medical care to parallel the hospital care provided by the member hospitals of the Blue Cross.

"By seeking this enabling legislation the doctors of Massachusetts are doing their part in preparing for the defense of Americanism against the attacks of paganism. Recognizing that our nation was built by refugees from persecutions and intolerances, the doctors express their will to fight for the supremacy of the American way of life, to discourage government in medicine because, like the government in business, it is just another step from democracy into totalitarianism. I believe the health problems of the people can be better solved through co-operative voluntary efforts rather than by compulsion. It is my hope that the physicians, through their professional societies, will be enabled to devise a non-profit repayment medical care plan to serve people of every social and economic level.

"It is demonstrated by the rapid growth of the Blue Cross that thousands of people wish to maintain their self-respect and financial security as long as costs are within their means to pay. Physicians and hospitals have been most generous in caring for the unfortunate. Most people prefer to pay part or all of necessary care rather than to accept charity.

"In actively supporting this legislation, citizens can assist the medical profession in expanding health and medical services consistent with the American system of democracy. The physicians of our country have made history of which we are all proud. They deserve unending support in their efforts to pass another milestone on the road to progress which may well be an historical event in the annals of democratic life in Massachusetts."

Local doctors believe that this arrangement will solve the problem of providing for every citizen adequate medical care when needed.

Dr. Peer P. Johnson said:

"Medical care is not a luxury that one can save for, or without entirely, or borrow from a neighbor. Neither is it a necessity of definite cost at a definite time for which one can plan. However, it is an expense to which the average individual is subject to a greater or lesser extent sometime during his life, and it is obvious that there is a need for some systematic and business-like method of meeting these expenses. In my opinion the Massachusetts Medical society is rendering an invaluable service to the working people in attempting to make available to them some plan for providing medical care on a budget basis."

Dr. Peer P. Johnson

ENLARGED BEVERLY HOSPITAL AS SEEN FROM THE AIR

This new air view taken by Times Photographer, Ernest S. Tucker from a North Shore Airways plane this morning shows the enlarged Beverlly hospital which was visited over the week-end by more than two thousand people on the occasion of the formal opening of the new wing at the right, kitchen and laundry, center back, and addition to nurses home, extreme left front of building at rear.

2,000 Visitors Inspect New Hospital Wing Here

Open House on Saturday, Sunday Attracts Residents From All Parts Of County; Improvements, Equipment Impressive

Two thousand visitors attended the open house in the new wing of the Beverly hospital on Saturday and Sunday and marveled at the extent, the beauty and the efficiency of the new building. Members of the Hospital Aid association, and directors escorted the groups through the various sections explaining the new and modern features and pointing out such improvements as the doctor's calling system, air conditioning, the piping of oxygen, and insulation against static electricity.

The new laundry, an institution in itself, was included in the tour. Guides explained how 24 sheets could be put through the mangle in a minute and that what had formerly took over an hour could be done in three minutes. In an adjoining room seamstresses mend the linen when necessary.

The nursery with its rows of bassinetts and the tiny infants attracted a good deal of attention. The nursery is air conditioned and equipped with special germ destroying ultra-violet light. The incubators were also pointed out in a separate room which has perfectly controlled heat and humidity.

Also a part of the tour was the visit to the main kitchen which is an extensive and modern unit, enlarged to take care of the greater capacity of the hospital. Also seen was the nurses' cameteria, dining room and doctors' dining room.

Many remarked upon the view from the sun porch. Convalescents look out into a wooded section, peaceful and beautiful. Inside the sun porch there is the brightest and gayest of furniture, bamboo and rose colored leather.

A room which caused much comment is the "prospctive father's" room in the maternity room where the fathers-to-be may wait until the ordeal is over and instead of being way off in the general waiting room may be close at hand ready to greet the new mother and baby.

The surgery occupying the entire fourth floor, consisting of three main operating rooms and several other rooms was described as one of the finest units in the country. Here the glass enclosed gallery for student doctors and nurses was pointed out, the outlet for piped oxygen, the insulation to assure safety against explosions caused by static electricity and other features.

At the end of the tour the visitors were served punch and cookies in the new reception room near the main entrance. This room is attractively furnished in rose and grey.

Assisting as guides were members of the Hospital aid, Mrs. Oscar M. Shaw, Mrs. George Carver, Mrs. Marshall Campbell, Mrs. John Hollister, Mrs. Russell P. Brown, Mrs. Henry S. Pearson, Mrs. Richard Southwick, Mrs. Bernard Leslie, Mrs. Albert Braden, Mrs. Garrett Cross, Mrs. George K. Fenn, Mrs. Philip K. Rowe, Mrs. Chester H. Standley.

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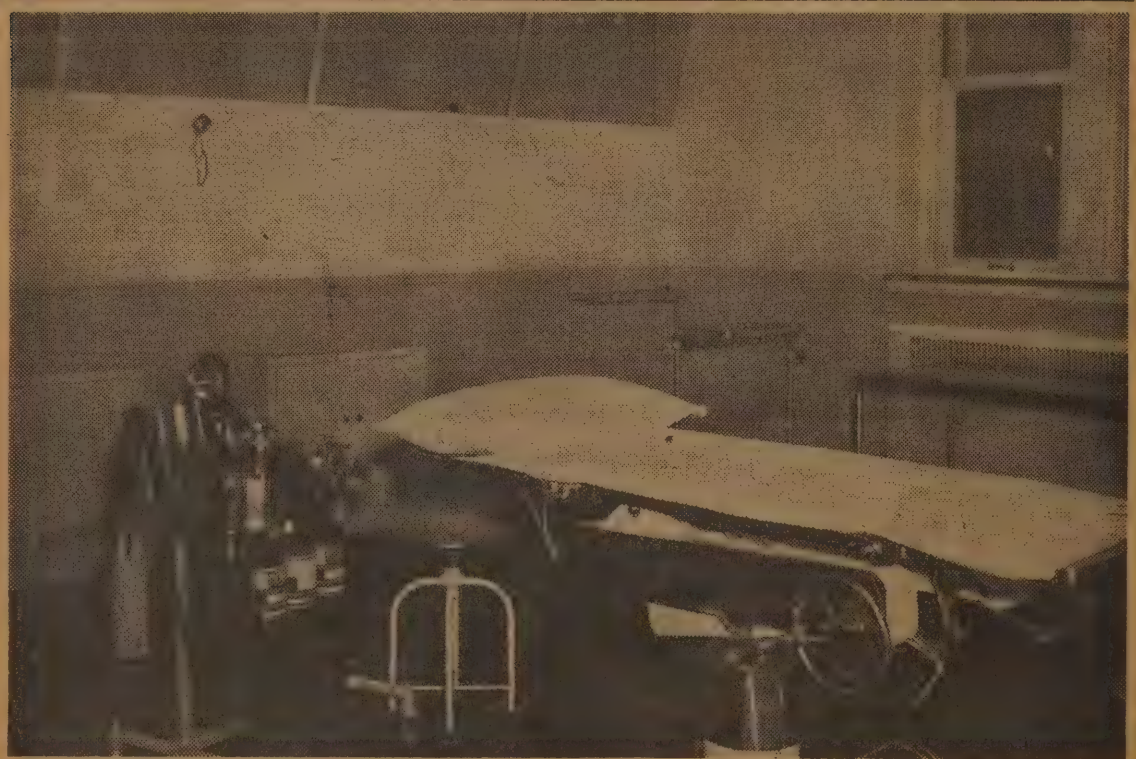
Mrs. A. DiCiccio, Mrs. C. Boardman Burnham, Miss Grace Marston, Miss Mary Marsten, Mrs. W. C. Hammond Jr., Miss Mary Bell.

Members of the Red Cross Nurses Aid, Miss Nancy Meyer, Mrs. A. James Crawford, Miss Ethel Febiger, Mrs. E. B. Wheelwright, Mrs. Francis C. Welch, Miss Camilla Warren, Miss Carol Warren, Miss Nancy Osgood, Miss Esther Proctor. Members of the Nurses Alumnae, Miss Claire Gardner, Mrs. Richard E. Story, Mrs. Stanley Noren, Mrs. Frank Wilson, Miss Mary Pierce, Miss Helen Ramage.

August 21, 1941

BEVERLY EVENING TIMES — BEVERLY, MASS., THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 1941

OPERATING ROOM IN NEW HOSPITAL ADDITION



The surgery and delivery rooms in the new wing of the Beverly hospital have been equipped with a new system to ground electricity through conductive rubber flooring in order to make a static spark impossible. It is believed that they are the only hospital rooms so completely equipped in this country.

In many hospitals this has been a grave hazard and explosions have occurred due to the ignition of anaesthetic gases by static electricity. This innovation was made under the direction of Professor Horton.

This and many other features of the modernly equipped addition will be pointed out to visitors at the open house days this Saturday and Sunday. Miss Mae Bartley, superintendent, has issued a cordial invitation for all to visit the hospital at this time.

The new plant contains: ground floor, lecture hall, sterilizing plant, solution room, new record room, doctors' offices, x-ray viewing room; second floor, 13 private and two two-bed and 3 four-bed rooms for medical and surgical cases; third floor, maternity unit of 22 beds, three delivery rooms, nursery, premature room; fourth floor, surgery, with three major operating rooms, two for otolaryngology, plaster room, surgeons' rooms.

There is also a service wing which includes a new kitchen, nurses' cafeteria and dining room, doctors' dining room, training school office and doctors' and nurses' coat rooms.

The old hand-fired boilers have been replaced with three automatic oil-burning boilers of larger capacity. The surgery and obstetrical suite are completely air-conditioned. Both old and new buildings are equipped with a doctors' call system, operated by flashing numbers, which was given by David S. Lynch.

Another modern feature is the piping of oxygen to the surgery and many of the rooms. This does away with the moving of oxygen tanks from room to room.

The pleasant airy addition to the Nurses' home has increased the normal capacity of 66 beds to 107 beds. Cheerful furnishings and modern conveniences are also found in this building.

The new surgery which occupies the entire fourth floor is named for Dr. Peer P. Johnson and given in memory of Frederick Ayer and Ellen Banning Ayer by their son, Frederick Ayer. Here the spotless white appearance is retained as a background for the latest in surgical apparatus. The main operating room has a glass-enclosed gallery equipped with a loud speaker where students may view the operation.

Visiting hours on Saturday and Sunday will be from one to five o'clock and it is hoped that many will avail themselves of this privilege of going through the newly completed wing.

August 21, 1941

NEW SURGERY SECTION AT BEVERLY HOSPITAL

It Was Presented By the Family of President Frederick Ayer in Memory of His Mother and Father

Suprgery Section

One of the features included in the Beverly hospital's $550,000 building program, which was viewed by hundreds during the open house over the week-end was the ultra modern surgery section occupying the entire third floor of the new wing. Presented by the family of President Frederick Ayer of the hospital corporation in memory of his mother and father, Frederick and Ellen Ayer, the unit will be known as the Dr. Peer P. Johnson Surgery, in honor of the present chief of staff of the hospital.

This unit, in addition to the main operating room, has two smaller operating chambers, a plaster room, two tonsil and adenoid rooms, special anesthesia rooms, utility rooms and a small X-ray unit that may be used in an emergency where immediate pictures are desired without removing a patient to the main X-ray department of the hospital.

A surgeon's rest and locker room, outfitted in comfortable red leather chairs and lounges, which offers opportunity for doctors to rest without being too great a distance from the scene, is just another example of the careful planning which has gone into the building project.

A glassed-in gallery, where students may witness the surgery without impeding their work or endangering the patient, is another feature in the main operating room, while special complete air conditioning units maintain uniform conditions at all times in the operating rooms. In these, also, have been placed flooring insulated to protect patients and surgeons from the dangers of static electricity explosions, all of these features giving the hospital one of the most units of its kind in the country.

November 6, 1941

60 Members Of American College Of Surgeons In Visit To Beverly Hospital

Lecture Programs, Clinical Demonstrations, Inspection Of New Wing, Feature Meeting; Doctors Attend From All Parts Of World

About 60 members of the American College of Surgeons, including some of the leading members of the profession, assembled at the Beverly hospital on Thursday for their annual clinical congress which meets in this part of the country about once in seven or eight years. The visiting doctors were present at a program of lectures and clinical demonstrations and they were conducted about the newly renovated building by members of the hospital staff. At noon a luncheon was served.

At the morning meeting there were clinical presentations of cases by Dr. John D. Adams, assistant professor of orthopedics at Tufts, Dr. Peer P. Johnson, surgeon-in-chief at the Beverly hospital, and Dr. Richard E. Alt, visiting surgeon. About 30 patients who had been treated at the hospital for difficult fractures were brought back and examined by the visiting surgeons and the manifold problems in the modern treatment of fractures were thoroughly discussed. There were illustrations by lantern slide of the Beverly hospital method of treatment of fractures of the hip in detail.

The afternoon session was devoted to the further presentation of cases. Dr. Johnson discussed the treatment of acute pancreatitis and reported on the excellent results obtained with the non operative treatment. Dr. Alt discussed appendicitis and perforated ulcers of the stomach and Dr. Albert E. Parkhurst, chief of the obstetrical service at the hospital lectured on chorionepithelioma.

Dr. Joseph P. Cunningham, pathologist at the hospital, told the doctors about the excellent autopsy record at the institution and the effect of this on the maintainance of high standards of medical practice. Dr. Barnard Todd presented the case history of a patient suffering from tumor of the pancreas.

Prominent surgeons attending the congress were Dr. William Darrach, clinical professor of surgery at the College of Physicians and Surgeons

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of Columbia University; Dr. Clay Ray Murray, co-director of the fracture service at the Presbyterian Hospital in New York City; Dr. J. Albert Key, professor of orthopedics at the medical school of Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri; and Dr. Carl Badgley, professor of orthopedics at the medical school of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Also among the surgeons attending was Dr. E. G. Brackett, dean of the orthopedic profession of the country, formerly orthopedic consultant at the Beverly hospital and long connected with the Children's hospital, Boston; Professor Frazer Gurd, professor at the medical school of McGill University in Montreal; Dr. Gilson Engel, assistant professor of the graduate school of surgery, at the School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania; and Col. Kirk, director of the Walter Reed hospital at Washington, D.C.

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Dr. Peer P. Johnson and Dr. Paul Tivnan
Taken on Surgery Roof

Dr. Barnard P. Todd

Dr. Jacob H. Fine and Dr. A. L. Senecal

Dr. John D. Adams

Dr. Peer P. Johnson

Doctors' Parking Space

June 16, 1945

Beverly Evening Times

Hero Third Army Commander Arrives At Local Airport

Four Star General And Wife Arrive At Mountan Field; Stop At Honor Roll En Route To Hamilton

Beverly, Birthplace of the American Navy, today extended a welcome to General George S. Patton, Jr., hero commander of the Third Army, as he arrived at Beverly Airport from Washington for a two weeks' rest at "Green Meadows", his estate in Hamilton. The general arrived at Beverly Airport at 12:51 o'clock noon, where he was greeted by Mayor Daniel E. McLean, Representatives Russell P. Brown and Cornelius J. Murray, President Perley P. Parker of the Board of Aldermen, Alderman Joseph M. Donovan, and Neiland J. Douglas, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

Also on hand to welcome the general were Dr. Peer P. Johnson, a close personal friend, Frederick Ayer, president of the Beverly Hospital Corporation and brother-in-law of the general, and Countess [illegible]cesco Guardabassi, Patton's sister-in-law.

The mayor received word yesterday that the four star general would arrive home today, and immediately dispatched a telegram to General Patton suggesting that he land at Beverly's new three million dollar airport.

Comdr. Earl F. Plank of the Naval Air Faculty at Beverly Airport had all arrangements made so that all went off smoothly when Gen. and Mrs. Patton arrived at the field.

Despite the short notice, all Beverly turned out to give the general a joyous welcome. Flags were flown all along Cabot street, schools were closed, and factories and stores were notified of his coming.

The general was driven, with police escort, down Cabot street to Rantoul, up Rantoul to Cabot, and up Cabot to the Honor Roll at City Hall, where Patton paused to pay his respect to Beverly men in the service, many of whom served under him in his African and European campaigns.

Miss Erma McLean, daughter of the mayor, presented a beautiful bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Patton on behalf of the city.

Later Gen. and Mrs. Patton were conducted to their home, "Green Meadows", by the mayor.

GENERAL GEORGE S. PATTON, J

Burlington Free Press
Burlington, Vermont

June 1945

Beverly Proud Of Gen. Patton, Says Dr. Johnson

'Dashing Fellow' Has Lived in This Mass. City Over 25 Years

"Yes, Gen. Patton is one of our Beverly institutions and we are mighty proud of him," said Dr. Peer P. Johnson (above) of Beverly, Mass. in conversation with a reporter Saturday after the University of Vermont trustees meeting, which he came here to attend.

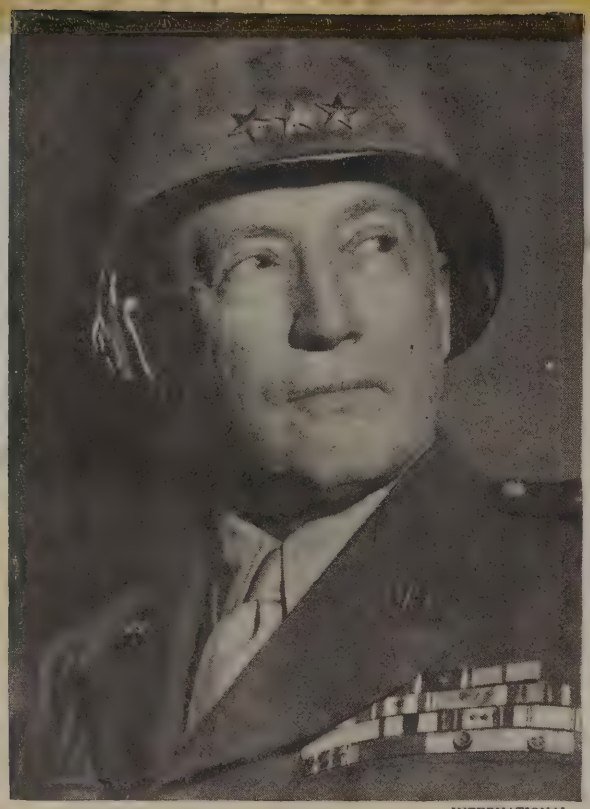
"The town is pleased to see him get his well-deserved fourth star," continued Dr. Johnson. "Gen. Patton is a dashing fellow who has made his residence in Beverly for over 25 years with his wife and daughter. He's an athletic man, an enthusiastic sailor, putting a great drive behind his many activities and we are all fond of him. The town is concerned over the condition of Gen. Patton's son-in-law, Col. Waters, who was wounded, then taken prisoner by the Germans. He has been rescued recently, but was in too bad shape to be moved back to this country.

Beverly hospital, with some 2[illegible] beds, is another town institution in which Dr. Johnson takes pride and satisfaction, for he has been chief surgeon there for about 30 years.

Train Practical Nurses

"The critical shortage of nurses is something that Beverly hospital is doing something about," said the doctor. "In 14 months we take a girl who does not need to have gone beyond ninth grade in her schooling, and give her practical training to become a household nurse. In this time, she is trained to relieve other nurses of many of their duties, to take care of the average case, to be licensed as a household nurse in Massachusetts. During the training, she gets paid and has a uniform. We have had between two and three years experience at this training, and it has worked out well.

"The demand for many more nurses will continue well after the war. There are now many places for our trainees in the armed forces. Even if a girl does not continue at nursing, this household nurse training and experience is the finest sort of equipment for family life."



INTERNATIONAL

"Had I been permitted to go all out, the war would have ended sooner."

"May all your successors be planes of peace," were the highly emotional words of Mrs. Geogre S. Patton, Jr., of Hamilton, as she christened the mainliner inaugurating United Air Lines service at Boston yesterday. The wife of U. S. Third Army's dashing general raised her voice to strike home the thought, making deep impression on those within earshot.

Patton's Widow Officially Opens Ft. Knox Museum

HAMILTON, May 31 — There was much local interest yesterday in the official opening of the new Patton Museum at the Armored School, Fort Knox, at which Mrs. George S. Patton of 650 Asbury street, widow of the famed Army General, presided.

The museum, which will be dedicated to "America's great field commander and leader of armor, Gen. George S. Patton, Jr.," will house a collection of armored weapons of World War Two, acquired by the Army overseas. Many of the pieces were collected personally by Patton and have considerable educational as well as historical value. They include a German .88, probably the most feared ground weapon of World War II, also Tiger tanks, field pieces and heavy machine guns, machine pistols, masks, hand grenades, etc.

Of special interest to many veterans who view the collection is a sign reading: "Cross the Rhine with Dry Feet — Courtesy of the 9th Armored Division." It came from the Remagen bridge, which spanned

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the Rhine when the United States 3rd Army, led by Gen. Patton, was assaulting the western Reich border.

Also of unusual interest, and one of the most recently acquired pieces, is Gen. Patton's personal jeep, in which he toured the battlefronts of Sicily, France and Germany.

More than 1000 prints, tracing the growth of Fort Knox and the United States Armored Forces, hang from the museum's walls. Among them is a picture showing a few long-since outmoded tanks and a handful of men, including two young majors, Dwight D. Eisenhower and George S. Patton, Jr. The caption reads: "United States Army Tank Corps, Fort Meade, 1921."

At the entrance to the museum, believed unique in military circles, was placed the Patton dedicatory plaque, which is imbedded in a giant Kentucky rock. Mrs. Patton unveiled the plaque yesterday during the Memorial Day exercises.

Gen. Lucius D. Clay, recently retired Military Governor of Germany, and Commander-in-Chief of the European Command, gave the address. It is hoped that the museum, begun two years ago, will be of considerable value in the training of armored troops at Fort Knox and that it will prove a source of pride to every American citizen.

Mrs. Patton Christens Airliner At Boston

Members Of Family On Hand For Impressive Event

"May all your successors be planes of peace", were the highly emotional words of Mrs. George S. Patton, Jr., as she christened the Mainliner inaugurating United Air Lines service at Boston yesterday.

Those within earshot appeared deeply touched as the wife of U. S. Third Army's dashing general raised her voice to make the thought strike home.

Mrs. Patton used waters of the Atlantic, Pacific and Great Lakes to christen the plane, just as her mother did in the last generation in cristening the first engine connecting the east and west via the [illegible] route.

Splashing several handfuls of the special blend of waters, she expressing her desire for future planes of peace.

Practically all of Mrs. Patton's immediate family, excepting her famous husband, were on hand for the event, a sister coming from as far off as Washington, D. C., to witness the ceremony certain to find a coveted spot in the family lore.

Lt. Gov. Robert F. Bradford of Massachusetts, Mayor John E. Kerrigan of Boston, Chairman Thomas D. Cabot of the State Aeronautics Commission, and President W. A. Patterson of United Air Lines participated in the inaugural program

November 1945

A group of distinguished men graced the head table at the annual supper smoker of the Chamber of Commerce, held at the United Shoe Country club last evening.

Top photo, left to right, are Roy P. Hatch, president of the Chamber, Herbert Black, foreign desk editor of the Boston Evening Globe who was the guest speaker, Dr. Albert E. Parkhurst, toastmaster, and Dr. Peter P. Alexander, president of Metal Hydrides, who was honored at last night's meeting.

Lower photo, left to right, are Clifford D. Baker of the Chamber ballot committee, Dr. Peer P. Johnson, Rev. Harry J. Ekstam, who gave the invocation, and Mayor Daniel E. McLean. (Times Staff Photo)

January 1946

MEDICAL STAFF HONORED

The medical staff members of the Beverly Selective Service board who were also honored at last night's appreciation ceremony are pictured in the top photo (left to right) Dr. Joseph P. Commette, Dr. Peter P. Johnson, Dr. Albrt E. Parkhurst and Dr. Chester H. Tannebring. Lower photo shows Mayor Daniel E. McLean (front right) with Howard W. Odle (front left), who served as master of ceremonies with John C. Birmingham, chairman of the advisory board and the Rev. Gordon E. Pelow of the First Baptist church who delivered the principal address.

May 1946

Ambassador From Guatemala Patient At Bev. Hospital

Jorge Granados To Be Under Care Of Dr. Peer P. Johnson

Jorge Granados, distinguished ambassador from the Central American republic of Guatemala, is a patient at the Beverly hospital where he came to be under the care of Dr. Peer P. Johnson, surgeon-in-chief at the local institution.

Ambassador Granados flew from Washington, D. C., to Beverly and was admitted to the hospital last Friday for observation and a physical study by the Beverly surgeon. His choice of Beverly hospital is a a tribute to the emminent Dr. Johnson's skill in the field of medicine and surgery.

The Ambassador resides at 1614 Eighteenth street, Washington, D. C. The country he represents is the most northern of the republics of Central America and is bounded by Mexico, Honduras, San Salvador, Gulf of Honduras, and the Pacific Ocean. The population is chiefly of pure Indian or mixed Spanish and Indian blood.

Dr. Johnson, Friends Enjoy Bahamas Cruise

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Dr. Peer P. Johnson, chief surgeon at Beverly hospital, was back this week following a three weeks' cruise to the Bahamas with two other Beverly men, Attorney Samuel Vaughan, of 44 Thissell street, who heads the special gifts committee for the current Red Cross campaign here, and Fred J. Leviseur, of Boston and 40 Ober street, this city.

The trio flew to Florida, chartered a schooner and took nine days to get to Nassau instead of the normal three days because of being delayed enroute at tiny coral islands by a storm. They stopped off at famed Spanish Wells, among other places, where the 900 white residents are nearly all inter-related and the principal occupation of the men is fishing, and farming, with no fresh meat or milk available.

It was a typical "postman's day off" for Dr. Johnson at Spanish Wells. Someone found out he was a doctor, and the veteran yachting enthusiast finally had to leave in self-defense with his party.

Sporting a deep bronze tan, Dr. Johnson said that he and his friends returned from Miami by plane after a highly successful and worthwhile vacation trip, the first he has had since before the war.

The February issue of "The Rudder" magazine, incidentally, carries [illegible] picture of Dr. Johnson's auxiliary-powered catch, "Mobjack", which he sails out of Beverly harbor during the summer.

March 1947

Hospital Surgical Staff Here Has Been Successful With New Type Operations

Newspapers, magazines and radio have recently given and are continuing to give a considerable prominence to two vitally important and interesting surgical operations, the vagectomy, for relief and treatment of persons afflicted with certain types of ulcers of the stomach, and the sympathectomy, for relief and treatment of persons afflicted with certain types of high blood pressure.

Many Beverly persons, having read or heard of these almost miraculous operations and being vitally interested because of their own physical condition or the condition of loved ones, consulted their physicians. In cases where their physicians are members of the Beverly hospital staff, they were pleased to learn that several highly successful operations of this nature have been performed at the Beverly hospital.

Thoroughly abreast with such advancements, the surgical staff of the local institution has followed closely the progress of vagectomy and sympathectomy, performing a number of such operations, and thoroughly reporting on them at the regular meetings of the staff at the hospital. In this manner, all staff physicians are kept well-advised on such developments and become an important cog in the picture by being able to aid in the selection of patients for whom the operations are most likely to be beneficial.

Unfortunately, neither operation is a cure-all for all kinds of stomach ulcers, nor all types of high blood pressure. Both have been used as a "last ditch" maneuver with dramatically good results, but most important of all, both have been used with what appears to be complete success on a number of carefully selected cases.

The vagectomy is the cutting of the vagus nerves which run from the brain to the stomach and have to do with the production of the acids of the stomach. This operation reduces the acids in the stomach and causes slower functioning of the bowel, and has truly been of dramatic help.

However, the vegectomy is never the first treatment for ulcers of the stomach because a great many patients are cured by either medicine or the abdominal operation, both of which are of less strain on the human system.

The reason for first using medicine is obvious. The abdominal operation follows, when necessary, because by it some of the acid-bearing portion of the stomach can be cut away and the exact nature of the ulcer determined. This determination is necessary to make certain that the vagectomy has chance of success, providing the case is one of the few which the abdominal operation has not helped.

The vagectomy is performed only after a careful study and analysis is made of the case. All possible data is obtained through a variety of tests and examinations because of the many types, locations and problems of ulcers.

There has been a remarkably high percentage of cures in operations of this type performed during the past two years, the longest period that any series has yet been followed.

Of the several vagectomies performed at the Beverly hospital in recent months, all have showed excellent results to date. However because of the relative newness of this type of therapy, nothing more can be expressed than the hope that improvement will continue.

The sympathectomy is the severing of the sympathetic nerves along the backbone, which, when removed from the properly selected patient, will cause a fall in blood pressure.

An exceedingly careful series of tests must be carried out for the proper selection of the patient, inasmuch as it has now been proven that this operation may not help some types of high blood pressure.

However, even in some cases where the operation has not lowered the blood pressure, it has relieved the related symptoms, and at least one case of this nature has been recorded at the Beverly hospital.

Research to date has revealed that the best results have been obtained where diagnosis is made early and the conditions are ideal, and these factors are best determined by the personal physician in cooperation with other staff members of the hospital.

Medical science views sympathectomy as one more milestone in the care of high blood pressure patients and is hoping for the day when medicine can bring about the same results without surgery.

February 1947

Beverly Hospital Joins In Observance Of 192nd Birthday Of First U.S. Institution For Health

2.10.47

AS THE 192ND ANNIVERSARY of America's first hospital in Philadelphia is observed today, the remarkable history of the ever-outstanding Beverly Hospital over the past 59 years is appropriately recalled. Here is a recent aerial photograph of the present establishment, while inserted in the upper-righthand corner is a picture of the local hospital as it looked at 14 Central street 55 years ago, while its founder, Dr. Samuel W. Torrey, is shown at the lower left.

One hundred and ninety-two years ago today, February 10, 1755, while Indians stalked the nearby forest, a significant ceremony took place in the white man's village known as "Brotherly Love". On that day Benjamin Franklin laid the corner stone of the first hospital in the Colonies for medical and nursing care. Franklin was the first clerk and second president of what has grown to be the huge institution of the Pennsylvania General Hospital which houses today in its archives those early records of Franklin.

Here in Beverly we cannot go back quite as far in this particular development but our first hospital sprang from similar humble beginnings and a similar urgent need. Dr. Samuel W. Torrey was the founder of Beverly hospital in 1888 and the building was a two-room wooden structure at the corner of Cabot and Union streets, where Dr. Torrey treated only women patients. The sterner sex was evidently on its own, or perhaps it was better to keep the women in good health so they could take care of the men.

However, it was not long before this building was inadequate and Dr. Torrey, working with a group of public spirited citizens, took over the building at 14 Central street which opened its doors on March 30, 1892. In the first annual report, written in long hand by the doctor himself, Dr. Torrey said, "That it has been a success there is now no doubt among those who have known most about the work it has done and there is no question that it is needed in our community." In order best to meet this growing need it was decided at the end of the first year that the institution should be incorporated and in his report Dr. Torrey continued, "Money will be raised to maintain it. Beverly perhaps does not know that this hospital could not have been carried on but for the generous help of those who spend only their summers here. The people of our town will hardly fail to be glad to join hands with them in supporting the institution in its new phase."

Many residents remember Dr. Torrey as he went about our city and many will also remember some of the original incorporators or, if not the incorporators themselves, their sons and daughters and members of their families who are still interested and active in hospital affairs and other public spirited activities: Daniel D. Addison, Augustus P. Loring, Annie M. Kilham, Alban Andrem, Joseph C. Kilham, Charles Woodberry, Charles I. Giddings, John A. Baker, Hezekiah O. Woodbury, Samuel W. Torrey, John W. Carter, James A. Masters, Edmund Giles, Roland W. Boyden, Charles W. Haddock, Robert R. Endicott, Anna T. Phillips, T. O. Lefavour, Patrick J. Lynch, Albert Perry, Lizzie F. Cressy, Edward L. Giddings, William Caleb Loring, and Ellen R. Pickman.

In the early part of the present century Beverly began to grow up and soon hospital facilities were again inadequate. In 1908 the first two wings of the present plant were erected and many people can recall the comments on locating the hospital "way out there". The year 1912 saw the erection of the Nurses' Home. Prior to that time the nurses lived on the third floor of the hospital. Then in 1922 came a new wing to the hospital and an addition to the Nurses' Home, with funds raised from the community. In 1929 the Children's Wing was added, a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Philip S. Sears in memory of their son, and how lasting and beneficial a gift it has been for hundreds of Beverly's children. And so the institution has grown and grown, keeping pace with the city's development, until today we have the splendid plant pictured above.

In that first year of pioneering, 1892, 89 patients were treated, the largest number at any one time being 17, and the smallest 7. They were patients of Doctors Torrey, Cowles, Hayes, Stickney, and Swan. In 1946, 5782 patients were treated at the hospital, the largest number at one time, according to the official count which is taken at midnight, being 201 in November, and the smallest 122 early in January.

Not only has the physical development of the institution been rapid and efficient, the personnel training, and services rendered have expanded even more. In 1912 the directors decided it was for the best interests of the hospital to have an interne "who would be on hand in case of emergency," and Dr. Isadore Perlstein, a Harvard Medical school graduate, was selected. Today there are 6 resident doctors and 3 internes on the house staff living at the hospital.

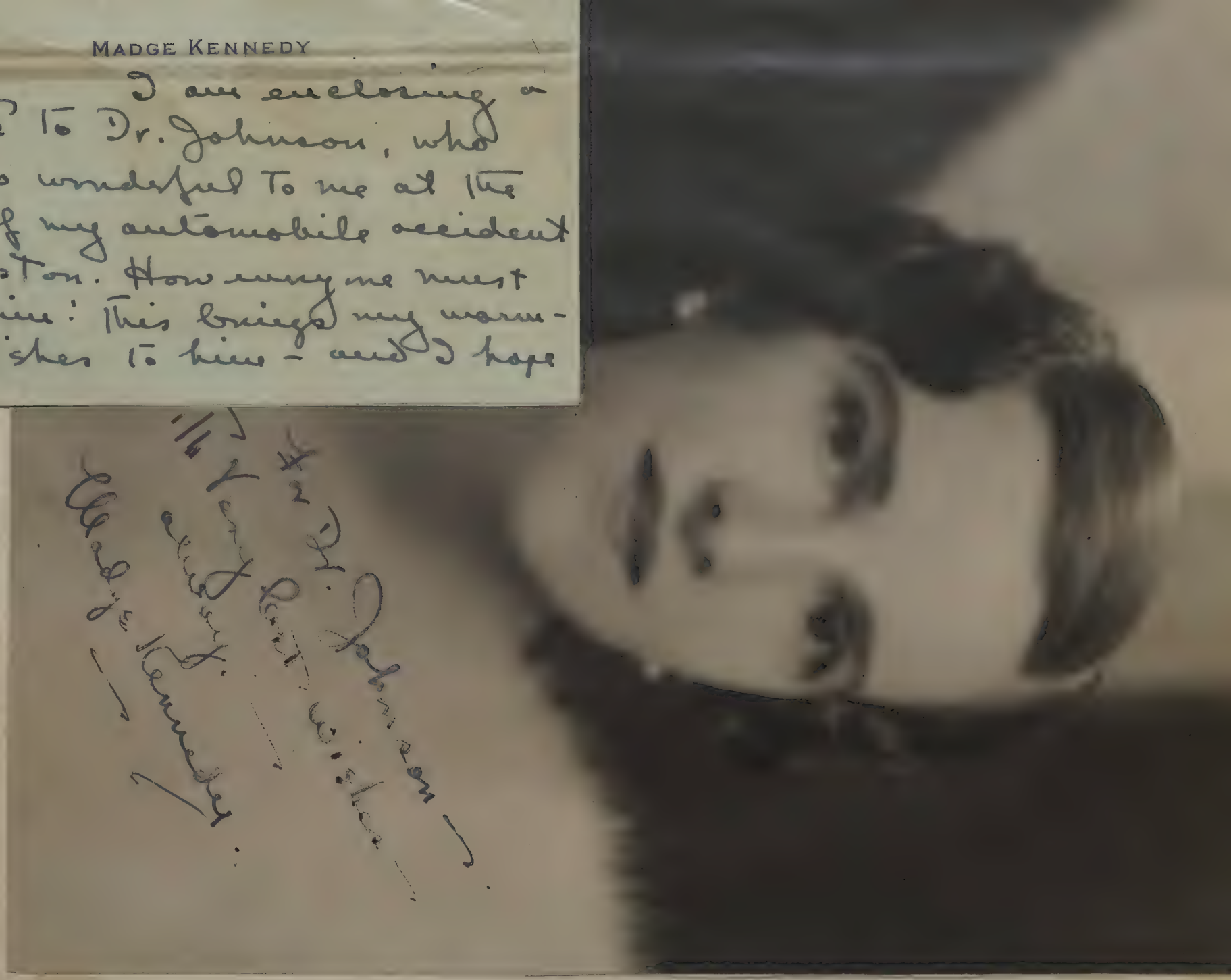
On January 1st there were 64 nurses in the training school, and there are 16 members in the new attendant nursing class. In the old days on Central street there was no formal class. The first year they graduated two nurses, and the first graduate, Miss Sarah A. Peaslee, lives now in Ryal Side. The hospital, therefore, is not only a community health institution, it is also an educational institution training doctors, nurses, attendant nurses, and laborartory technicians.

An A-1 hospital, approved by the American Medical association, American College of Surgeons, and American Hospital association, is our fortunate lot in this city. Its high purpose may be summed up in the words of certificate of membership of the American Hospital association which hangs on the wall of Miss Bartley's office, "In recognition of its ideals and purposes as a community health service and with due regard for its ability to uphold the purpose and policies of the Americacn Hospital association in its efforts to promote good hospital care for all elements of the population."

Just as the Pennsylvania hospital derives part of its income as a red feather agency of the Philadelphia Community Chest, so our own hospital is one of the member agencies of the Beverly community Fund, doing part of its work through contributions to the annual chest campaign. Ben Franklin and the farsighted Philadelphia fathers envisioned a community health institution from which everybody would benefit through medical and nursing care and general health protection, and while the good gentlemen never heard of the red feather agency, they would undoubtedly have approved the Chest slogan "Everybody benefits — everybody gives." The first president of the board of our own local hospital, Charles Woodberry, never heard of a red feather agency either and yet he closed his annual report with these words, "May we hope that the people who are interested in its (the hospital's) success will continue their financial aid that the blessings it dispenses may be more numerous and more helpful as the years pass by."

MADGE KENNEDY

I am enclosing a picture to Dr. Johnson, who was so wonderful to me at the time of my automobile accident in Boston. How many we must love him! This brings my warmest wishes to him - and I hope



my message will find a little
place in his book —
Thank you for letting
me send my greetings —
Most Sincerely —

Admitted as "Evelyn Ross" on November 10, 1947 to OBS #16

GREER GARSON IS BEVERLY PATIENT

Movie Star Expected to Leave the Hospital Next Week--- Operation Succeeds

MOVIE STAR IN BEVERLY HOSPITAL

Greer Garson, famed Hollywood actress, is a patient at Beverly Hospital, it was revealed last night. She underwent an operation Tuesday, and is expected to leave Monday.

BEVERLY, Nov. 12 — Famed Movie Star Greer Garson underwent a minor operation at Beverly Hospital yesterday, it was revealed tonight. Her condition was described as very good.

The Irish-born actress, who won an academy award in 1942, arrived at the hospital Monday, and it is expected she will be able to leave for New York the first of next week.

Miss Garson has suffered several attacks of an intestinal nature within the last three months, although only a few of her intimate friends knew she was in ill-health. A prominent Boston physician, who was consultant in the case, insisted she take a rest and undergo a minor operation.

Because she wished no publicity, Miss Garson was sent to this hospital. She is registered under a different name at the hospital.

According to a source at the hospital, Miss Garson has had no visitors since she arrived here. Her doctor left strict orders that she have a complete rest.

Nurses and patients knew that a Hollywood celebrity was in their midst, but most of the patients did not know it was Miss Garson.

Lives in New York

It is known that the movie actress underwent a mental strain during court proceedings in Los Angeles last September when she divorced Richard Ney. When her divorce was granted she burst into tears and fled from the crowded court room. She charged cruelty.

According to a hospital official, it is believed that the divorce case aggravated Miss Garson's ill health. Ney, whom she married in 1943 while he was in the navy, was 10 years younger than she.

For the last month, Miss Garson has lived in New York. After she leaves the hospital, it is believed she will return there.

While she has been a patient at the hospital, Miss Garson has received four telephone calls from New York and one from Hollywood. The hospital would not reveal who made the calls.

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Greer Garson, Amused At Awakening In Maternity Ward, 'Glad To Be Here'

By MARY M. MALLOY

"I feel very lucky to have 'fallen on my face' in this lovely place — the people couldn't have been kinder and the doctors and nurses are wonderful," declared lovely Greer Garson, popular Hollywood film star, in a telephone interview from her room at the Beverly hospital this morning.

Feeling "much better" today, Miss Garson, who is recovering from a minor operation performed Tuesday by Beverly hospital's surgeon-in-chief, Dr. Peer P. Johnson, revealed that, although she had never heard of the place before coming to Beverly, she would certainly have chosen the local hospital if she had known about it.

Speaking with noticeably British accent, Miss Garson has a lovely low-pitched voice and a charming and completely captivating manner, even on the telephone. Despite her discomfort of the past week, she was very willing to talk to the press by phone and was appreciative of the attention given her.

She called the Times office herself yesterday afternoon to express her regret that the story of her hospital confinement here had broken informally, because, she said, she had asked that it not be revealed officially until she had recovered sufficiently from the operation.

"I came to the North Shore to spend a few quiet days with a very dear friends, Miss Eleanora Sears, at Pride's Crossing. I'm afraid I was a very poor house guest, however, because I felt miserable when I arrived and had to go straight to bed," the gracious Miss Garson said.

Instead of feeling better the following morning, she was much worse, she said, and her hostess summoned Dr. Johnson.

"Dr. Johnson arrived, very bluff and hearty, and told me I was a 'Spartan creature' and must have been suffering terribly, and the next thing I knew I was in the operating room here," she related. "The doctor inspired me with courage when I felt completely doomed and ready to make out my last will and testament."

In the operating room, Miss Garson recalled she had just time enough before "going under," to caution the "four handsome doctors and seven beautiful nurses" to "take it easy".

"And the next thing I remember is waking up in this beautiful little room," she said.

"Where am I," she asked the attending nurse, and was greeted with the startling reply — "In the maternity ward!" Determined not to appear too startled, Miss Garson countered: "Well, that's fine — what did I have — twins?"

The nurse, however, hastened to explain that the room was the only one available in the hospital at the time.

The typical New England weather of the past few days has given Miss Garson many pleasant hours — as well as a few bad ones. This, she says, is because it keeps her awake all day, viewing the beautiful scenery, now dotted with snow which she hasn't seen for a number of years, and (the bad part) it keeps her awake at night "listening to it."

When asked whether she had considered buying a home in this section, Miss Garson said:

"A home here would be wonderful, if I could think that I could spend enough time up here every year, but that, of course, would depend on my Hollywood commitments."

Miss Garson stated that she would like to spend a few days of her convalescence with her friend, Miss Sears, the socially-prominent sportswoman — but that, too, would depend on word from the Coast, where she said she is scheduled to begin a new picture, "Nutmeg Tree," with Walter Pigeon. She also has several commitments in New York, she said.

Just when the famous motion picture actress will leave the Beverly hospital is not known, but it is expected that she will be well enough to be discharged within a few days.

Miss Garson couldn't help but tell friends and newspapermen how fortunate she feels to have not been aboard a DC-6 airliner when it crashed recently in Utah, killing 52 persons.

"I guess the hand of fate just wasn't going to touch me," she said. "I was on that plane a day before the accident, and then this operation coming so unexpectedly. It makes one think, doesn't it?"

To dear Doctor Johnson –
with affection and my very
best wishes –

1939 - 1942

JOSEPH A. CUNNINGHAM, M.D.
803 MEDICAL ARTS BUILDING
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

To Dr Peer with my sincere appreciation of the fine example he set for me and the many things he taught me.

Joe Cunningham

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November 1947

Dr. Johnson Tells Rotary Members Of Hospital Problems

Dr. Peer P. Johnson was the guest speaker at the regular weekly meeting of the Beverly Rotary club at the YMCA yesterday noon. After 45 years' association with the Beverly hospital, many of which have been in the capacity of surgeon-in-chief, Dr. Johnson related to the club many of the problems of the hospital which are, in effect, community problems. He discussed, particularly, financial problems, seeking to allay the notion that the hospital is a "rich" institution. As a matter of fact, in no year in his experience has the hospital balanced its books, Dr. Johnson said.

"The fees expended by patients pay less than one-third the amount required to finance what is one of the best small hospitals in the country," the doctor stated. "Forty-five years ago the best room cost $15 per week. Today, the most expensive room costs $18 per day. Whereas at the turn of the century a ward room cost $7 a week, today such a room costs $6 a day. Yet, though fees paid have increased greatly in amount, the cost of care for a patient has increased by a much greater amount. Today it costs $12 per day per patient to run the hospital."

Comparing 1946 costs of operation with those of 1941, Dr. Johnson furnished actual figures illustrating the financial predicament now confronting the Beverly hospital. It cost $597,000 to run the local hospital in 1946, as compared to $320,000 in 1941. The cost per day per patient has increased from $6.68 in 1941 to $9.80 per day in 1946. Payroll increased from $154,000 in 1941 to $331,000 in 1946. The food item rose from $69,000 in 1941 to $100,000 in 1946. The rise in costs is continuing. This year the hospital faces a deficit of $120,000.

Commenting on the elaborate facilities and corps of medical specialists, Dr. Johnson made it clear that these are community assets and require the support of all members of the community. The hospital is recognized nationally as one of the most modern, best equipped and progressive small hospitals in the country.

Yesterday's meeting was presided over by Tom Reid, vice-president, who introduced Dr. Johnson. Visiting Rotarians were Harold Higgins, Boston, Oscar Bowman, Salem, and Dr. Olin Pettingill, and Leo Nimblett of Danvers. Harold Brown was the guest of Peter Alexander and William H. Cook the guest of Arthur Trowt. Fred Pierce thanked Dr. Johnson on behalf of the club for his very informative talk.

Roy Patch led the organization in community singing.

7-25-47 Rotary Meeting

Dr. Peer P. Johnson, surgeon-in-chief of the Beverly hospital, was guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Rotary club held yesterday noon at the Y. M. C. A. and gave an

DR. PEER P. JOHNSON

interesting talk on the growth and development of the hospital and its facilities during the 45 years he has been associated with it.

Vice Pres. Thomas Reed presided over the session and Roy K. Patch led community singing. Visiting Rotarians were Harold Higgins of Boston, Oscar Bowman of Salem and Dr. Olin Pettingill and Leo Nimblett of Danvers. Guests included Harold Brown and William H. Cook.

Stating that the Beverly hospital has never been self-supporting from costs to the patients, Dr. Johnson pointed out that operating costs have increased from approximately $70000 in 1902 to $597,000 last year, in keeping with the tremendous strides in size and improved and added facilities.

has increased the cost of hospitalization since 1941. Dr. Johnson stated that payrolls have jumped from $154,000 to $331,000 from 1941 until 1946, while food costs increased from $69,000 to $100,000 and costs per day to the patients went from $6.68 to 69.80, with the actual cost to the hospital being $12 per day.

He added that patients' fees will fall about $120,000 short of the actual operating costs this year. This deficit will be partially made up by about $44,000 from endowments and $20,000 from the Community Fund.

Blue Cross furnishes about 6% per cent of the hospital's income, the speaker stated, lauding the system as excellent for both the hospital and the patient.

During the past year there were 2800 operations performed at the local institution, and 900 babies were born there, he stated, adding that present indications are that more than 1000 babies will make their debut there during 1947.

Dr. Johnson praised the staff of the institution, mentioning some of its members as the finest in their fields and pointing out that such men and women have made the Beverly hospital earn the excellent rating it enjoys throughout the country's hospitals. Beverly hospital, he stated, has ranked with the country's top 80 hospitals in securing permission for conducting the most post-mortems each year for the past 10 years, and at one time was the only hospital in New England in the top 8.

In closing he told of the many features of the hospital, such as its nurses' training school, its program for training interns and resident physicians, its clinics, its unusually fine X-ray equipment, etc. His talk was well received by the large turnout and he was accorded a rising vote of thanks for his appearance before the R.C.

March 1948

Beverly Hospital Asks Solons Support Nolan-Miles Vivisection Bill

2.25.48

In a telegram sent to local representatives and senators, the Beverly hospital today urged support of the controversial Nolan-Miles vivisection bill which has received the unanimous support of medical scientists and research institutes throughout the state.

Signed by Dr. Peer P. Johnson, chief of staff, Beverly hospital, the telegram read: "We trust you appreciate the importance of the Nolan-Miles bill to the public welfare and urge that you vote in favor of it". A similar message was dispatched by Frederick Ayers, president of the Board of Directors of the hospital, to Representative Andrew Falukner, and Cornelius J. Murray and Senators Elmer Callahan and Cornelius J. Haley.

The bill, which has become the target of an emotional press campaign, provides that dog pounds turn over for medical research purposes all stray animals which have not been claimed after six days.

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Under existing procedure, such dogs are put out of the way after the six day period.

Proponents of the bill say that approximately 30,000 stray dogs are killed in this way each year. If only a fraction of these animals were given to laboratories, they maintain, the present dire shortage of experimental animals would be relieved and vital medical research could continue unhampered.

Answering charges of sadistic and inhumane treatment of experimental animals, Dr. George L. Maison, professor of pharmacology at Boston University medical school said yesterday: "More than 90 and 9/10 per cent of all research experiments are performed under anaesthesia. Scientists and physicians are largely Elmers like me. If they are sadists, they would get along better on a farm or in the stockyards than in a laboratory."

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Beverly Farms, Mass., March 2, 1948

Dr. Peer P. Johnson,
Chief of Staff,
Beverly Hospital,
Beverly, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Johnson,

I was glad to receive your telegram and views on the Nolan-Miles Bill.

I feel as you do and am going to vote for same.

Sincerely yours,

Cornelius J. Murray

Representative To General Court

15th Essex District

CJM/C

Home Of Former Beverly Residents Is Badly Gutted

HEAVY SMOKE billowing from the first and second story windows, and flames breaking through the roof, hampered the firemen in combating the $30,000 blaze which destroyed one of the most famous historical buildings in Essex. The picture, taken by John C. Burke, Times staff reporter, who was the first newsman on the scene, was made before any of the firemen had been able to work inside the flaming and smoking building. The fireman on the ladder is opening windows to allow the smoke and heat to escape from the house. (Times Staff Photo)

May 1948

2 Bethel Children, Aged Housekeeper Escape; Smoke Affects 6 Firemen, 1 Hurt While Saving Valuables

By JOHN C. BURKE

ESSEX, May 27—The beautiful, 261-year-old 12-room South Essex residence of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Bethel, son-in-law and daughter of Dr. Peer P. Johonson, prominent Beverly surgeon, was badly gutted by fire last night before firemen from three communities brought the blaze under control three hours after it had been started by what was believed to have been an electrical short circuit. Damage was estimated at $30,000.

The two Bethel children, Thomas, 9, and Deborah, 12, who first discovered the fire in one corner of the living room, succeeded in aiding the elderly housekeeper, Mrs. Bertha Bridges, 75, from an upstairs room, while the flames gained rapid headway. The youngsters' parents were in Boston for the evening, and firemen were summoned by neighbors only after the children had run some distance in quest of aid.

Six firemen suffered from smoke inhalation, and one Essex fireman was cut on his hand by flying glass as they carried many valuable relics and furnishings from the flaming house. Fire Chief Thomas Boutchie immediately called for assistance from the Manchester and Gloucester fire departments to fight the blaze, which started in the same place where a fire of much lesser proportions had broken out about one month ago.

Difficulty in pumping water from more than a quarter-of-a-mile away hampered firemen, who worked for more than six hours to assure that all remaining sparks had been extinguished in the heavily-insulated structure, in which the flames "mushroomed" into many sections. Most of the valuables, including a $250,000 collection of relics, antique furniture and historic painting, were saved by the firemen who arrived on the scene shortly after 8 o'clock, nearly an hour after the Bethel children had discovered the fire.

While the two children were assisting Mrs. Bridges from the dwelling and seeking the aid of firemen, the flames gained much headway, working up through the wall and into the upstairs bedrooms and roof of the one-and-a-half-story wooden building. Flames were leaping from the bedroom windows and the house was enveloped with billowing smoke when the first two pieces of Essex fire kit arrived.

Thousands of feet of hose had to be laid to bring water from a brook, the muddy fields near which causing much difficulty for the heavy fire apparatus, in order to battle the blaze in the historic ship-building community landmark.

Realizing the position of the house, Chief Boutchie immediately called Manchester and Gloucester, as a large amount of heavy hose was needed to carry water from the brook to the blaze. Engine 3 from Manchester, Captain Ollie Emerton and crew, and Engine 1 from Gloucester responded to the out-of-town aid call, shortly after 8 o'clock, with these two kits forced to drive through muddy fields in order to lay lines. Sixteen hundred feet of 2½-inch line were laid by Manchester, and a similar amount of 1½-inch hose by Gloucester, with the heavy Manchester hose also being used to drive water into the partitions.

Firemen were unable to put up ladders until gallons of water had been sprayed on the building, because of the burning, heavy insulated partitions. Once they had cooled the walls off, heavy smoke from the blaze also hampered them in working on the roof.

Numerous times before the blaze was brought under control, the fire broke through the roof, which was opened in many places by firemen in order to get water into the attic and partitions. Rescue squads were also given the "jitters" by an oil tank in the cellar, which they succeeded in keeping free of flames. One of the firemen, Albert April, carrying the priceless collections from the home, which were heavily damaged by smoke and water, was cut about the hands by flying glass.

Firemen fought the blaze from all sides of the house, once hose was laid and were at the scene until about 1:30 this morning, aided in fighting the blaze with a portable lighting system.

The entire dwelling was seriously damaged by water as well as fire, and reporters were unable to contact the former Beverly family, to determine whether the house will be restored. The beautiful panel walls, modern fixtures, including a movie projector, and other luxuries, were all badly damaged or destroyed.

In many places the floors collapsed into the cellar from the heavy weight of water, making salvage work more dangerous, as a long stream of men carried the books from the large library out of the house to the front lawn, and then to a barn, where neighbors had set up temporary quarters for the Bethel children and housekeeper.

Most of their irreplaceable, revolutionary era furniture escaped serious damage, but the fireplaces' panel walls were ruined.

The Bethel family have resided in the landmark for about 15 years, although for awhile during the post war, they lived in Beverly, where Bethel is a hospital director. A great deal of money had been expended on remodeling the home, with walls and fixtures, that made a true colonial setting, with gardens, of the same historical background.

An old resident of the town, who was at the scene of the fire, told the Times that the house, which was built in 1687 by the Andrews family, was the meeting place of the leaders of the Revolutionary War, and much planning for the battle was done under its roofs. It was there that John Wise's legend "taxation without representatiton" was spoken.

The first alarm was Box 12 sounded shortly after 6:45, with the second alarm soon after 7 o'clock, which summoned all Essex kits to the scene, with a crew from Ipswich filling in at the Essex station. Manchester and Gloucester were called at 8:20.

The exact amount of hose used was not completely totaled at noon today, but Essex used near 7,000 feet of both 2½ and 1½ inch hose, together with other necessary equipment, including nearly 100 feet of ladders.

May 1948

$30,000 FIRE GUTS HISTORICAL ESSEX HOME

BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL HOME of John Bethel, which was the scene of numerous conferences of the Revolutionary War leaders, today was almost a total loss with its sloping roof punctured with holes after firemen from three communities battled a stubborn $30,000 fire for six hours. The interior of the 261-year-old historical landmark of the ship-building community of Essex was completely gutted.
(Times Staff Photo)

BADLY GUTTED INTERIOR of the famous historical house in Essex is being viewed this morning by Times Staff Reporter John C. Burke (left). The "mushroom" fire, which started early last evening, caused an estimated $30,000 damage as it swept through the valuable home. The wood around the picturesque fireplace was spared, as the fire went through the entire room. (Times Staff Photo)

Public Is Invited To Hear Gov. Bradford Tonight At Nurses' Graduation Here

A message of interest to everyone will be brought by Governor Robert F. Bradford tonight to those gathered in the Beverly High school auditorium for the public graduation exercises of the Beverly Hospital School of Nursing.

"Because we know that what the Governor has to say tonight will be something everyone should hear," said Miss Mae A. Bartley, hospital administrator, today, "we have extended an invitation to the public to share our good fortune in having the chief executive of our Commonwealth here tonight.

"We hope that all who can do so will not miss this opportunity to hear Governor Bradford and see how we conduct a graduation program for our Beverly Hospital nurses."

Frederick Ayer, president of the hospital's board of directors, will preside at tonight's program, starting at 8:30. The processional march will be "Priests March," from "Athalia," by Mendelssohn, and the invocation will be given by Rev. William H. Gysan, Th. D., minister of the First Parish Unitarian church.

Next on the program will be two selections, "Dear Land of Home," by Sibelius and "The Bells of St. Mary's," by Adams, sung by a quartet consisting of Dorothy E. Lowe, soprano; Mildred E. Craik, contralto; Owen W. Lowe, tenor, and Herbert Craik, tenor, accompanied by Margaret R. Cushing.

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Members of tonight's graduating class from the Beverly Hospital School of Nursing are:

Barbara Baldwin, Lynn; Barbara Buxton, Beverly; Mildred Craig, Beverly; Shirley Eaton, Manchester; Dorothy Egan, Beverly; Elizabeth Ferrant, Gloucester; Eleanor Perkins, Beverly; Marion Kimball, Gloucester; Marcia Klotz, Gloucester; Gloria Pisani, Beverly.

Helen Proulx, Beverly; Lillian O'Hara, Gloucester; Barbara Wilkinson, Peabody; Elizabeth Depalma, Haverhill; Elizabeth Feltis, South Hamilton; Margaret Gardner, Lynn; Patricia James, Manchester; Katherine Larkin, Gloucester, and Lucinda Snow, Amesbury.

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Governor Bradford's address will follow greetings to the 19 young women in the graduating class by Miss Bartley, Dr. Peer P. Johnson, surgeon-in-chief at Beverly hospital, and Miss Kathleen Sterling, acting director of nurses.

After the Governor's message, the quartet will sing, "O What a Beautiful Morning" by Rogers and "Carmena" by Wilson. President Ayer will then present the diplomas to the graduates, and school pins will be presented to them by Mrs. Gordon C. Prince, chairman of the School of Nursing committee.

The program will conclude with the recessional march, "Coronation March" from "The Prophet" by Meyerbeer, and then an informal public reception by Governor Bradford is planned on the platform, where special guests of the evening will include Mayor Daniel E. McLean and officials of the hospital.

Daughter Of Late Dr. & Mrs. Torrey Dies In Vermont

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Mary Cutler Torrey Allen, wife of Dr. Lyman Allen of Burlington, Vt.

Mrs. Allen was the oldest of the five daughters of the late Dr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Torrey of Beverly.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, Torrey Allen, of Providence, R. I.; two daughters, the Misses Elizabeth and Barbara Allen of New York City, and her sisters, Miss Sara Torrey and Mrs. Peer P. Johnson, both of Beverly, and Mrs. George W. Coggeshall and Mrs. C. H. Robinson.

Funeral services will be held Monday, Oct. 11, at 2 o'clock from 278 Main street, Burlington, Vt.

Horace W. Appleton, 83-year-old retired superintendent of Beverly cemeteries, assures Governor Bradford and Dr. Peer P. Johnson, surgeon-in-chief at the hospital, that he is delighted with the visit. (Times Staff Photos by Tucker and Crosby)

May 1949

Elizabeth Arden Pledges Children $115,000

Hospital Here Gets Plastic Surgery Aid

Elizabeth Arden, who has devoted her life to praviding cosmetics for women, yesterday pledged a gift of $115,000 fo rthe beautifying of scarred or abnormal children.

After a visit to the Children's Hospital, Miss Arden announced that she would create a living memorial at the new Children's Medical Center in her own name, dedicated to children who are in need of plastic surgery. She explained that she wished to do something for children "in my own field."

TO AID RESEARCH

Deeply moved by the sights she had witnessed during her hospital tour, Miss Arden announced that she also plans to support research projects in plastic surgery at the new center.

"This morning," she said, " I saw for the first time infants and older children who had been rescued from the scrapheap of humanity by miraculous plastic surgery. I saw others waiting, babies whose little mouths were horribly twisted by abnormalities such as hare lip and cleft palate. I saw others whose bodies and faces were marred by severe burns. I made up my m ind to create a fund that could be used by children everywhere in the world in need of the kind of surgery done at this wonderful institution.

"Every youngster deserves the chance to grow up and take his place in society with a face and body that will not make him the object of pity. I have been told by doctors at the Children's Hospital that they have saved many from ignominy and institutions through plastic surgery. I want to help them save many, many more."

Miss Arden said the Arden Memorial would be initiated at a fashion show for the benefit of the Children's Medical Center campaign fund at the Copley Plaza, May 17. Similar shows will be held in many of the leading cities of the country for the benefit of the plastic surgery clinic. 5-4-49

PLASTIC SURGERY FOR CHILDREN — Elizabeth Arden, beauty authority, creates $115,000 living memorial "in her own field" at new Children's Medical Center. Left to right —Richard S. Robie, general chairman, Children's Medical Center campaign fund; Miss Arden; Frederick Ayer, Sr., Children's Hospital trustee.

May 1949

Mr. Ayer's birthday

We haven't Ever Invented Smell
But hopes it makes you Glad to have
To Ring your Birthday BELL

Queen Arden sends the first one
To make your body sweet
In Memory of the time you both
were photographed on the street

But just in case you've not the type
for fragrance made from roses,
Here's something that will make the Ayer
So steady we'll hold our Noses.

September 1949

The Beverly Council of Churches

PRESENTS

Commander Irving Johnson

WITH COLORED MOVING PICTURES

"Yankee's Wander World"

BEVERLY HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1949

WELCOME	Roland W. Payne
INTRODUCTION	Peer P. Johnson, M.D.
"YANKEE'S WANDER WORLD"	Commander Irving Johnson

THE BEVERLY COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The Beverly Council of Churches is the official agency of the local Protestant churches for cooperative counsel, planning and endeavor. Organized in 1944 after the successful completion of the first United Church Canvass in Beverly, the Council now has five years of steady and constructive growth behind it and it is believed that great opportunities lie ahead of it in the field of interchurch activity.

OFFICERS

ROLAND W. PAYNE, *President*
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Social Action
Rev. William H. Gysan

Members of the Men's Work Committee, have greatly assisted in the promotion of this event: George R. Swan, Chairman.

USHERS

Members of The Beverly Youth Council
Rev. Robert W. Little, Director

Donald S. Kenney
Robert E. Kenney
James G. Perkins, Jr.
Raymond L. Sharp, Jr.
John A. Trefrey
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August 1949

Dr. Peer P. Johnson Is Named Trustee Of Medical School

Dr. Peer P. Johnson, dean of Beverly Medical men, has been elected trustee of the University of Vermont Medical school, to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Charles F. Branch of Chicago, who tendered his resignation at the annual meeting of the board in June.

Dr. Johnson, prominent in medical circles is Chief of Staff at the Beverly hospital, and is a member of the American College of Surgeons. This will be Dr. Johnson's third term of office as a member of the board, the first time was in 1929 when he was elected to the post of alumni trustee and from 1942 to 1946, he served as trustee on the part of the University of Vermont.

A graduate of the University of Vermont College of Medicine in 1900, he has been a surgeon in this city for many years. He is married and is the father of three grown children.

Dr. Branch, who resigned from the board because of the difficulty he experienced in coming from Chicago to attend meetings, is now executive secretary of the American College of surgeons. When elected to the board in 1946 Dr. Branch was located in Boston, where he was director of the nationally known Children's hospital. Prior to assuming that post he served as dean of the Boston University School of Medicine.

He is a graduate of the University of Vermont Medical school with the class of 1923. He is nationally known as a pathologist and for his work in cancer research. His unexpired term on the board extends to 1952.

October 1949

Plan Socialized Medicine Forum Here October 26

The Beverly Community Council will sponsor a program of current interest on October 26 at 6:30 o'clock in the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium when a forum on the subject of socialized medicine will be presented.

Dr. Peer P. Johnson, surgeon-in-chief at the Beverly hospital, will act as moderator. Those presenting the two arguments will be Dr. Allan R. Butler, professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical school and Dr. John F. Conlin, executive director of the Massachusetts Medical Society. A question period will follow.

DR. PEER P. JOHNSON
... moderator

The affair will open with a supper served at 6:30 followed by the Forum. A limited number of tickets are available at the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

Carl Jacobson, president of the Community Council, is general chairman of the affair and will be assisted by John S. Crowley, supper committe, Mrs. Harlan Cole, Miss Helen Quill, Miss Carolyn Standley; Program committee Bordon Senecal, chairman, Miss Laura Woodberry, Miss Gertrude Popkin, Miss Francis Heald; Invitation, Mrs. Mary Houlberg, chairman, Miss Mae Bartley, Mrs. Catherine Murphy; reservations, Mrs. Earle Herrick, chairman, Miss Mildred Brewer; publicity, Mrs. Richard Davenport, chairman, C. Warren Gardner, Mrs. Robert Young.

September 1949

Comdr. Johnson's Lecture, Movies Thrill Audience

More than 700 persons enjoyed the thrilling color film "Yankee Wander-World" as described by the skipper, Commander Irving Johnson, last evening in the Beverly High school auditorium. The proceeds of the affair will benefit the Beverly Council of Churches.

Roland Payne, president of the Council, greeted the audience and presented Dr. Peer P. Johnson as a friend of the speaker. Dr. Johnson then introduced Comdr. Johnson who gave a few interesting sidelights on the Yankee's 18-month trip around the world.

The full color pictures were exceptionally fine and the two-hour show much enjoyed by those present.

Ushers for the affair were members of the Beverly Youth Council, with Rev. Robert Little as head usher. George Swan, chairman of the ticket committee, was assisted

COMDR. JOHNSON

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by members of the Men's Work committe who worked diligently to make the program a success. Mr. Payne was also in charge of publicity, assisted by Mrs. Richard Davenport.

Assisting Mr. Swan were: Harold Moore, North Beverly Congregational; Paul Lunn, Dane Street church; George Swan, First Baptist; Sumner Bray, Jr., St. Peter's Episcopal; Arthur Akerson, Covenant Congregational; Roy Marston, Washington street church; Nathan Foster, First Unitarian; Claude Wilkinson, Universalist church; Harry Andrews, Centerville C. E. church; Carl McCormack, Methodist; Ernest Chase, Immanuel church.

Pros, Cons Of Socialized Medicine Are Extensively Aired During Forum Here

PRINCIPALS in the Forum on socialized medicine which attracted a large amount of interest at the supper meeting of the Beverly Community Council held last evening in the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium are, left to right: Dr. John F. Conlin, executive director of the Mass. Medical society, who spoke against the program, Dr. Peer P. Johnson, head surgeon at Beverly hospital who acted as moderator, and Dr. Allan M. Butler of the Harvard Medical school who spoke in favor of some sort of government-controlled medical program.

(Times Staff Photo by Crosby)

By HAZEL S. DAVENPORT

Great interest in both sides of the argument was evidenced last night as the pros and cons of socialized medicine for the United States were extensively aired by two eminent medical men at the public supper-meeting of the Beverly Community Council in the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium.

With Dr. Peer P. Johnson, surgeon-in-chief of Beverly hospital, serving as moderator for the forum, Dr. John F. Conlin, executive director of the Massachusetts Medical Society, leveled a barrage of words in opposition to a government operated medical program, while Dr. Allan M. Butler, of the Harvard University Medical School, presented a more deliberate yet slightly idealistic picture in favor of such an undertaking by government.

Whether or not the audience had come "nearer a conclusion at the close of the spirited debate, there was awakened among the men and women a broader interest in the subject, and many facts on both sides were clarified.

Before the forum, 75 members and guests of the Council enjoyed a catered chicken pie supper, preceded by invocation by Dr. William H. Gysan, minister of the First Parish Unitarian church. By the time the panel discussion got underway, there were about 150 persons gathered in the hall.

Speaking first in favor of a government-controlled medical program, Dr. Butler said in part:

"As I see the situation in a big charity hospital, in the teaching field and visiting throughout a community, the great problem in medicine is inadequate financing. What makes the solution of the problem difficult is that it is an inviolate fact that the medical profession is against change. It has accepted a lot of changes but has not initiated them.

"So, for that reason, we must discount much of the propaganda of the Medical Association. It was opposed to the Blue Cross at the start and also the Blue Shield. It has opposed voluntary pre-paid services of any organized group."

He went on to explain the four bills now in Congress.

"That there are four national health acts being considered by Congress", he asserted, "is a reflection on voluntary insurance and its power to meet the needs of the public. The Taft act sets up machinery so that everyone in the United States will obtain medical care. It proposes that the Federal government grant aid to the states to cover the care of the individual, either in part or in whole—money to be obtained from general taxes. This, to me, is a socialistic measure and involves compulsion.

"The Hill bill limits the coverage of the Federal grants to care given in hospitals. It, too, is to be paid out of general taxation. However, as the amount will be limited it is less socialistic.

"The Ives bill has a new method of financing. It would establish a premium to be paid in proportion to the income of the individual, with the government making up the difference. This involves a good deal of bureaucracy.

"The National Health Insurance Act is trying to meet much of the cost through direct premium collection, through payroll deduction with as little burden as possible by taxation. This to me is the least socialistic."

Dr. Butler went on to declare: "We have socialized medicine now. Your Community Fund is an example; you are collecting from all for the use of others. The question is: Is our present method adequate? If it isn't, what method is more adequate?' We have been attempting voluntary service since 1928. Today we have only about four to eight million people covered by medical liability insurance."

In his argument against government-controlled medicine, Dr. Conlin stated, in part:

"Has the present system failed? Can it be changed, modified — or are we going to throw the whole thing out and build a beautiful new plan we know nothing about? Along with our freedom goes a responsibility. The idea is found in the definition of the American way of life — of helping people help themselves. We cannot have an agency that will be all things to all people. The solution cannot be 'Washington is my shepherd, I shall not want.'

"There can be no single solution. The wealthy class we do not have to consider. They can pay their own way. The poor are right now getting adequate and sometimes superior care. But the middle group must be considered. Some form of prepaid medical insurance is the best solution."

Dr. Conlin said further:

"In this idea of a government program, the thing that bothers me is the thought of a politician intervening between the physician and his patient. And, too, human nature being what it is, psyco-neurotics will overwhelm and destroy a system aided and abutted by politicians!"

Later during the question period, Dr. Conlin stated that compulsory education and a compulsory health program could not be compared because of the highly individual basis of the patients' complaint.

"It is the tremendous concentration of power that must be considered," he stressed. "It is the regulations that I am worried about."

In response to questioning, Dr. Butler agreed that there would be an increase in the demand for medical service but felt that the program would increase the number of doctors available. In answer to Dr. Jacob H. Fine's question regarding

COUNCIL FORUM

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Miss Mae A. Bartley, Beverly Hospital superintendent, spoke briefly on hospital administration; and Carl E. Jacobson, president of the Community Council and Beverly Public Welfare Department agent, added a few words when he was referred to during the discussion of the evening.

October 1949

BURLINGTON, VERMONT, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1949

GUEST EDITORIAL . . .

Doctor Johnson Says:

For most of us time passes by quickly. It may, therefore, be difficult to realize that once more we have at hand the opportunity and privilege to give—to give generously to the Beverly Community Fund.

Never has it been more important than now to support this Fund. Your last year's contributions did much for many who needed help. What you as contributors to the Beverly Community Fund do for the welfare of the community cannot be measured by any expression of words alone. Without the support of the Community Fund, the services rendered by the twelve community agencies to the people of Beverly would have to be sharply curtailed. This would be a serious detriment to the maintenance of our health and welfare standards which we continually strive to keep on the highest possible level.

The increasing cost of rendering such services makes it vital that we do everything we can to reach the campaign goal. Some of us may have felt last year that we couldn't really afford the contribution we made to the Beverly Community Fund. If we were honest with ourselves, we would probably find that the contribution was merely a fraction of what we spend for trivialities. The money we contribute to the Beverly Community Fund is our share of community responsibility.

Agencies working together and sharing in effort realize a unity of purpose and achievement not found possible in individual effort.

Contributors are assured that with the exception of expenditures absolutely essential in the conduct of the campaign, all contributions go directly to the twelve agencies which comprise the Beverly Community Fund.

PEER P. JOHNSON, M. D., F. A. C. S.
Dean of the Beverly Medical Profession
Honorary Member of the Beverly Community Fund

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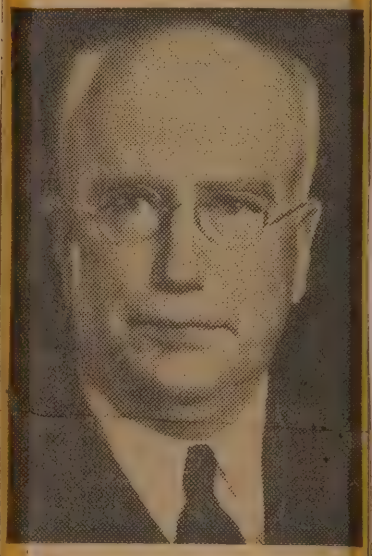
Among the "models" who displayed Newmark's clothes at the successful Fashion Show for the benefit of the Beverly Hospital Aid at the Iron Rail, Wenham, on Tuesday, were these women, all from Beverly except as noted. At the left above are Mrs. Samuel Malone, of Hamilton, Mrs. Matthew Heaphy, Mrs. Henry Glovsky, Mrs. Thomas Murphy, Mrs. Richard Alt

Dr. Chas. Branch Resigns From UVM Board of Trustees

Dr. Peer P. Johnson, Beverly, Mass. Will Fill Unexpired Term



The resignation of Dr. Charles F. Branch of Chicago from UVM has been announced by President John S. Millis. He also announced the election of Dr. Peer P. Johnson (above) of Beverly, Mass., to fill out the unexpired term, which extends until 1952.

Dr. Branch tendered his resignation at the annual meeting of the board in June, because of the difficulty of attending meetings since moving to Chicago, where he is now executive secretary of the American College of Surgeons. When elected to the board in 1946, Dr. Branch was located in Boston, where he was director of the Children's Hospital. Before assuming that post, he had been dean of the Boston University School of Medicine. A graduate of UVM in 1923, he is nationally known as a pathologist, and for work in cancer research.

This will be Dr. Johnson's third term of office as a member of the board, the first time in 1929 when he was elected to the post of alumni trustee; and again from 1942 to 1946, when he served as trustee on the part of the University of Vermont. A graduate of UVM College of Medicine in 1900, he has been for many years a surgeon in Beverly, and is a member of the American College of Surgeons.

ESSEX SOUTH DISTRICT MEDICAL GROUP MEETS HERE

HEAD TABLE GUESTS at the regular meeting of the Essex South District Medical society held last evening at the Beverly hospital were: front row, (left to right), Dr. C. F. Twoomey, president of the organization; Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., of Cambridge, candidate for Republican nomination for Lieutenant-Governor, main speaker; and Dr. Peer P. Johnson of Beverly. Back row: (left to right), Dr. H. B. Stebbins, secretary; Dr. Andrews Nichols, III, treasurer, and Dr. A. E. Parkhurst, Beverly.

Members of the Essex South District Medical Society held their regular monthly meeting last night at the Beverly hospital, where several interesting talks and discussions were enjoyed.

The program opened with presentations of papers and unusual cases by members of the hospital staff, among the more interesting of which was the description of a case of heart disease diagnosed in a baby shortly after birth, and controlled for the time by medical means, and also an account of research with the electron microscope at the United Shoe Machinery Corporation which has been made available to the Pathology Department of the hospital for examination of tissues magnified 50,000 times instead of the maximum of 1200 times possible with an ordinary microscope.

At the business meeting, Dr. Palladino of Lynn reported progress of his committee on speakers' bureaus which are being established in all communities in the district to supply doctors to address civic groups, lodges and other organizations on

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the truth about compulsory sickness insurance ("socialized medicine"). He stated that Beverly's bureau leads the others in having already sponsored about 15 such talks, and expressed hope that clubs and similar groups in other cities and towns would take equal advantage of the latent speechifying ability of their local doctors.

Dr. Appel, of Lynn, reported for the Committee on Emergency Medical Care, that he had received letters calling his attention to a case which occurred early in December in Lynn, when a number of calls were put in for doctors to see a small child who appeared to be suffocating, early one Wednesday morning, and no doctor was willing to respond.

On checking with the party who put in the calls, he found that such was indeed the case, four or five physicians having actually been contacted. In view of the fact that the society conducted a poll of all physicians in the district a little over a year ago (including non-members as well as members of the society) and supplied all telephone supervisors, police departments and hospital switchboards with the resulting list of doctors who are willing to take all emergency calls, night or day, Wednesdays, Sundays and holidays, he checked up on these three agencies and found that the lists were posted as requested.

Check-up showed that this was the first reported case of failure to obtain a doctor in an emergency since the system was put in operation, and that no failures were reported from Salem, Beverly or Gloucester, where the same scheme operates. Nevertheless, the society voted to place announcements in the local newspapers from time to time so that everyone will know that every telephone operator, police department and hospital can supply a doctor for emergency service in case the patient's family physician is not available, or in case he has none.

It was also voted to revise the list of such physicians annually in order to insure its reliability.

After dinner, the guest speaker, Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., vice-president of James O. Welch Co., of Cambridge and candidate for the Republican nomination for lieutenant-governor addressed the society on "A Businessman Looks at England." His theme was the insidiousness of the rise of socialism in England, not only in medical but in all commercial and industrial fields.

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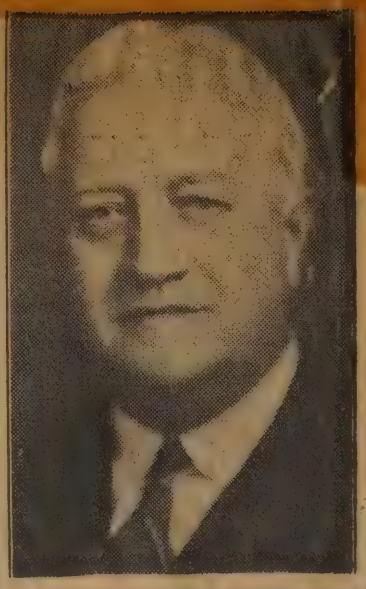
He explained how the "Labor" party gained its success by following G. B. Shaw's advice to "achieve Socialism by dropping the word" and explained that so far this country is only a half generation behind England in doing the very same thing. He hoped that the American people would have enough youthful stamina to resist the pitting of one group against another by the propagandists of the International Labor (Socialist) Organization, founded in Geneva in 1918, which engineered the English into their present bewildered state of "sharing the poverty" and which produced the blueprints (practically verbatim) for such legislation as the Wagner-Murray-Dingell bill and the more recent Compulsory Sickness insurance measures.

He finished by urging all who are interested in the American way of life to rally together in its defense and not to be fooled by the "sugar-coated pills" of getting something for nothing, handed out by Socialists under other names.

The following local physicians were among the 90 attending the meeting: Drs. C. R. Woodworth, A. M. Hill, L. F. Box, B. P. Todd, E. S. Lovell, M. Dubin, V. Perlow, E. Sullivan, D. E. Brown, E. Brodsky, P. P. Johnson, S. E. Goulding, R. Rowell, A. MacDonald, A. L. Senecal, C. LaFortune, S. P. Gemmellaro, G. K. Fenn, B. Lizio, A. Maiuzzo, J. P. Commette, H. C. Gale, O. S. Pettingill, J. H. Fine, M. Goodman, D. Dove, S. Albert, Beverly; Dr. D Rogers of Wenham and Dr. C. A. Herrick of Manchester.



CHARLES E. OBER
...re-elected

Charles E. Ober was re-elected president of the Beverly National bank, the nation's eleventh oldest bank, at the organization meeting held last night in the banking rooms. Ober announced that the profit and loss account was increased from $155,962 to $173,128 and that the bank is in the process of installing the latest type of bookkeeping equipment. A Recordak and Proof machine has been purchased to increase the efficiency of the bookkeeping department.

Nine directors were elected at the 148th annual meeting of the shareholders held yesterday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. They were Charles Ober, John M. Foster, William A. Rowe, Philip K. Rowe, Lawrence A. Ford, Thomas F. Delaney, Peer P. Johnson, Chester C. Pope and Benjamin A. Patch.

January 1950

Charles E. Ober Re-Elected Head Of National Bank

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Other officers elected at the evening meeting were Thomas F. Delaney, vice-president, and Lawrence A. Ford, attorney.

Those appointed were Burton W. Phillips, cashier and trust officer, Arthur W. Jones, assistant cashier, W. Clifton Brown, officer manager, Elmer S. Cole, teller, Howard W. Jensen, teller, Francis Minton, teller, and Gordon D. Thornton, teller.

Miss Catherine F. McVey was newly appointed an assistant cashier. She has been employed by the bank since 1924 and has served in the capacity of secretary to its officers since 1933. Born in Cambridge, July 16, 1905, a daughter of Mrs. Catherine F. and the late John P. McVey and a resident of Hamilton in early childhood, Miss McVey has lived in Beverly since 1916. She was graduated from Beverly High school with the class of 1923, and later attended classes at Hawthorne Institute in Salem. She resides at 7 Bisson street, Beverly, with her mother and two sisters, the Misses Mary C. and Florence L. McVey, and has one other sister, Mrs. Frances T. Bartlett, and one brother, John R. McVey, both of Lynn.

BEVERLY HOSPITAL, MAY 12, 1950

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CORDIALLY INVITE
YOU TO ATTEND THE FIRST ANNUAL
DOCTOR PEER P. JOHNSON LECTURE IN SURGERY
TO BE PRESENTED BY
DR. CHARLES G. MIXTER
BEVERLY HOSPITAL AUDITORIUM
FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1950 :: 8.00 P.M.
SUBJECT:
"SURGICAL TRENDS SINCE THE TURN OF THE CENTURY"
R.S.V.P.

May 1950

Dr. Johnson Is Honored In Beverly

Beverly, May 13—National Hospital day was impressively observed at Beverly hospital yesterday with a program featuring a public visitation (DR. JOHNSON—)

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(Dr. Johnson—)

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and tea, plus the return of nearly 100 former resident and intern alumni to their alma mater from all parts of the country to honor Surgeon-in-Chief Peer P. Johnson.

Inaugurated in Dr. Johnson's honor was the Peer P. Johnson Lecture in Surgery with Dr. Charles G. Mixter of the Massachusetts General hospital staff giving the first annual lecture at a special program in the evening.

Dr. Mixter, a life-long friend of Dr Johnson, paid high tribute to the famed Beverly surgeon as a "pioneer in surgery," and spoke on "Surgical trends since the turn of the century."

Dr. Mixter was introduced by Dr. Richard E. Alt, visiting surgeon.

Dr. Charles F. Branch

Center Hall
College of Surgeons

DR. CHARLES F. BRANCH APPOINTED ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

DR. CHARLES F. BRANCH, formerly dean of Boston University School of Medicine, and recently director of the Children's Hospital and the Children's Medical Center in Boston, has joined the staff of the American College of Surgeons in Chicago as Assistant Director. Dr. Branch will be particularly concerned with the work of the Cancer Committee of the College, which includes among its activities the survey and approval of cancer clinics as inaugurated in 1930, and the establishment of a similar program in relation to cancer detection centers.

Dr. Branch received his M.D. degree from the University of Vermont and his basic training in pathology at the Mallory Institute of the Boston City Hospital and at the Jefferson and Philadelphia General Hospitals in Philadelphia. From 1926 to 1946 he was professor of pathology at Boston University School of Medicine and pathologist to the Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals, as well as pathologist and consulting pathologist to a number of suburban hospitals about Boston. From 1939 to 1944 he was also associate director of the Evans Memorial of the Massachusetts Memorial Hospitals.

Dr. Branch was a founder and past president of the New England Pathological Society and is a diplomate of the American Board of Pathology. Besides being actively identified with medical education, he has done fundamental work in the field of cancer investigation and has contributed extensively to the literature of general pathology. He has been active in organizing blood banks and laboratory programs or various hospitals.

During the war he was on the regional Dean's Committee as a consultant to the Surgeons General of the Army and Navy as well as being a member of the local Medical Advisory Board, and a Surgeon (R) of the United States Public Health Service. In 1932 he spent 6 months abroad as a Fellow from the Evans Memorial, studying pathology, cancer centers, and legal medicine. In 1943 as a Fellow from the Association of American Medical Colleges he spent 6 weeks in Central America studying problems in tropical medicine. He was a sectional vice chairman of the Third International Cancer Congress in 1939.

Chicago
May 7,1950

Dear P.P.J. -

It is 4:00 a.m. and the desolate moaning of the fog-bound diaphone over on the pier in the center of this great city,is as lonely as any that ever bellowed off the New England coast; perhaps my insomnia is just overtiredness from my recent peripatetic existence,(It's highly enlightening to travel 25,000 miles in four months but I am sure I would have had more fun if I'd joined the Navy!); on the other hand,I strongly suspect my conscience has something to do with it,for Anna was promised that this would be in her hands,long since.

Of the thousands of people who love and admire you,how can this offering be short enough to possibly interest you? Of the hundreds of your boys whose lives you have so intimately and magnificently touched,how can I write anything worthy of the Chief? It is ridiculous to presume that I can add lustre to the myriad honors you wear so gracefully.

Of all the tangible things in life, words are so frequently the most useless to express the intangibles of the spirit. You mean so many things to so many people,-- it is quite impossible to even remotely reflect them from the few dim facets of my cosmos. Scholar-tutor-mentor-scientist and physician-staunch colleague-good neighbor-friend-uncompromising critic-loyalty above and beyond the call of duty-good soldier-patriot-builder-organizer-sound financier-and always an affectionate father. It has been my great privelage to stand with you at many a bedside and, even as the sound of the grinding was low and the shadows gathered, watch you bring smiles of courage and hope to wan lips parched beyond recovery. Beside you in the operating room, I have watched your strong, deft fingers and scintillating skill bring swift order out of certain disaster. I have heard you listen to the petty, sordid details of a thousand lives and watched your infallable good humor, justice, perspicacity and sagacity, set them all to rights. I have watched you build a building,-organize a hospital,-direct a bank,-run a university,-teach students,-sail a boat,-and eat a lobster, with butter gracefully smeared from ear to ear. Perhaps the greatest defection of your fine sensibilities has been your honoring me by admitting me to your home, your coterie of friends and the camaraderie of your spirit.

Rarely in the lifetime of our evolution does a man of science, art and the humanities rise to the stature of a Peer Johnson. Your students and your works are immortalized because you passed this way.

May God bless and prosper you-

Affectionately, Charles Bennett

*Later hobby--making furniture--coffee table and chair, chests, bowls, etc.

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Dr. Johnson Lecture To Be Annual Feature Here

HONORED SURGEON and the first man to bestow the honor upon him by delivering the initial "Annual Peer P. Johnson Lecture In Surgery" are shown together in this luncheon-table picture, taken during recent Hospital Day observance at Beverly Hospital. Dr. Johnson, left, was highly lauded by Dr. Charles G. Mixter, (right), eminent Boston surgeon, for his service in the field of surgery. (Ushakoff Photo)

All too frequently, it is a human failing that tribute to the greatness of a man is withheld until after he is dead and can no longer acknowledge the plaudits which are bestowed upon him.

Recognizing that fact, friends of Dr. Peer P. Johnson, chief of staff of Beverly hospital, banded together and, as one of them put it, "risked the doctor's displeasure" over such a thing and took this year, 1950, as Dr. Johnson marks a half century in the surgical profession, to establish what is known as the "Annual Peer P. Johnson Lecture in Surgery."

The honor was bestowed on Dr. Johnson at a time when he is still actively engaged in surgery at the Beverly hospital.

The public knew nothing of this single honor to a man it has known and respected down through the years, as an outstanding surgeon and public-spirited citizen of Beverly, until the first annual such lecture was delivered at a medical meeting at Beverly hospital recently. Then, only a report of the meeting was published with but little detail about the significance of this recognition of Dr. Johnson's achievement in the highly-skilled art of surgery.

Dr. Richard E. Alt, assistant surgeon at Beverly hospital and Dr. Johnson's son-in-law, introduced Dr. Charles G. Mixter of Boston, a life-long friend of Dr. Johnson, to deliver the initial address. Said Dr. Alt:

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Dr. Mixter, who is clinical professor-emeritus of surgery at Harvard Medical School and a former surgeon-in-chief and present consultant in surgery at the Beth-Israel hospital, Boston, further brought the full meaning of the Peer Johnson lecture by prefacing his addresss, as the first such annual lecture, on "Surgical Trends Since the Turn of the Century" with the following remarks

"It was with the sincerest pleasure, and with a keen sense of my shortcomings, that I accepted the invitation to address you tonight at the first annual lecture established as the expression your admiration and loyalty for your chief. I am happy to have the opportunity to show may appreciation of his friendship and my esteem for his qualities as a surgeon, feelings that have strengthened with the years.

"I feel too that I have a tenuous tie with the Beverly hospital because my uncle, Edward L. Giddings, was on the first Board of Directors, when it was incorporated in 1893. This institution was the outgrowth of the small private hospital started with courage and wisdom by Dr. Samuel William Torrey, five years earlier. Finding the growing demands were more than he could meet, Dr. Torrey, with great magnamity gave his holdings outright to the corporation.

"It was not long, however, before the hospital again outgrew its quarters. The present lovely site was acquired and in September, 1908, the main building of the present hospital opened its doors. The quality of care given the sick has steadily augmented the stream of patients and year by year additions have been demanded until it stands today, a superb beneficient haven of refuge for the sick.

"The man in whose honor this lecture has been established has lived in a vivid and exciting time in the development of the medical and surgical care of the patient. He has witnessed the scene change from the inefficient haphazard care of the patient in his home to the present scientific treatment in a modern, fully equipped, smoothly running institution. He was one of the pioneers in this advance and it was largely through his zeal and determined effort that this vital boon to the community has developed so magnificently.

"By fortuitous circumstances, he was blest from the start by a far-seeing, co-operative, board of hospital managers, who have aided him in bringing his plans to fruition. Improvement and expansion of the surgical service has gone hand in hand with the development of the hospital.

"Familiarity with the latest advances in surgical management and evaluation of new technical procedures are necessary in the best interest of the patient and to provide the resident and interne staff with the best in surgical instruction. This has meant constant study and many an hour spent burning the midnight oil. The sphere of his influence has travelled far beyond the hospital walls as his well-trained residents have gone forth year by year to embark on their professional careers.

"As he completes the half century of work, in his chosen field, he can look back over the busy years, striving always for the goal that he raised over higher and more difficult of attainment as time marched on. Few of us have had the great satisfaction that must be his in seeing his dream come true and few of us merit so deservedly the honor and esteem of his friends, co-workers students.

"His life epitomizes my father's standard of the true surgeon. In his presidential address before the American Surgical Association he said:

"Were it not for the unattainable, the world would indeed be a poor place. Those qualities that make the true man in any walk of life, are doubly necessary to the making of a real surgeon.

Self-reverence, self-knowledge, self-control,

These three alone lead life to sovereign power,

Yet not for power (Power of herself

Would come uncalled for) but to live by law

Acting the law we live by without fear;

And, because right is right, to follow right

Were wisdom in the scorn of consequence."

"Our heartiest congratulations are due Dr. Johnson for his outstanding accomplishments as Chief of Staff of the Beverly hospital and as a skilled and humanitarian surgeon."

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Hospital Day

The Beverly hospital observance of National Hospital day last Friday, reported briefly in Saturday's News, was the most successful and impres-

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sive ever conducted locally. The inaugural of the Peer P. Johnson Lecture in Surgery in honor of the hospital's highly regarded surgeon-in-chief, the return of nearly 100 resident and intern alumni of the hospital to take part in honoring Dr. Johnson, the public visitation to the institution and numerous other features made up an outstanding program.

The public program in the afternoon was from 3 to 5 o'clock when hundreds of people visited the institution, were taken on guided tours of the institution by graduate and student nurses, and were guests at a tea in the nurses' home. Pourers were: Mrs. Reginald H. Smith, Jr., president of the Hospital Aid association; Mrs. Clarence O. Hood, a member of the board of directors of the hospital; Mrs. Stanley C. Noren, president of the Nurses' Alumni association; Mrs. Barnard P. Todd, treasurer of the hospital Aid and Mrs. Gordon C. Prince, chairman of the school of nursing committee. They were assisted in serving by Mrs. Samuel M. Albert, secretary of the Hospital Aid; Mrs. Donald E. Brown, wife of the hospital's pathologist; Mrs. Thomas McKeigue, publicity chairman of the Hospital Aid, and graduate nurses.

Hostesses were Miss Mae A. Bartley, hospital administrator, Miss Gertrude M. Mercer, assistant administrator, and Miss Gertrude Wilson, director of nurses.

Also in the afternoon, under the direction of Dr. Barnard P. Todd, Dr. Richard E. Alt and Dr. Jacob H. Fine, a clinical conference was conducted for former resident and intern alumni with papers being given as follows: Dr. Clyde R. Woodwroth of the hospital staff, "Addison's disease"; Dr. Albert G. Mackey, professor of surgery at the University of Vermont, "Ruptured duodenal diverticulum"; Dr. Saul M. Marcus, Boston urologist, "Hematuria and its significance"; Dr. Perry B. Hudson of the department of urology at Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, Md., "Plastic reconstruction of the urethra"; Dr. Clarence E. Moore, surgeon at Harrisburg, Pa., "Desmoid tumors of the abdominal wall," and Dr. Max Dubin, surgical resident at the hospital, a case report.

The evening meeting featuring the lecture by Dr. Mixter was preceeded by a pleasant social hour at the home of Dr. Johnson on Washington street for resident and intern alumni and staff members. Dinner followed at the hospital and guests included many of Dr. Johnson's colleagues and friends.

National Hospital Day Observed At Beverly Hospital

High tribute was paid Dr. Peer P. Johnson, chief surgeon, both in words and in their presence by over 80 alumni who came from some distance to be present at the Beverly hospital observance of National Hospital Day yesterday.

The first annual Dr. Peer P. Johnson lecture in surgery was initiated at the evening program and presented by a lifelong friend, Dr. Charles G. Mixter, who was introduced by Dr. Richard E. Alt. Following words of praise for Dr. Johnson, whom he called a pioneer in his field, Dr. Mixter spoke on "Surgical Trends Since the Turn of the Century."

There were doctors present from Canada, Baltimore, Md., Harrisburg, Pa., and Connecticut, all graduates of Beverly hospital who have become leaders in several fields. They praised Dr. Johnson and gave credit to him and to Beverly hospital for the start of their career.

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surgical resident staff member, "Case Report."

A social hour followed the conference at the home of Dr. Johnson on Washington street where about 30 alumni and staff members were present. Dinner was served at the hospital at 6:30. There were many colleagues and friends of the doctor present including Dr. William Brown, the Dean of the University of Vermont Medical school where Dr. Johnson graduated.

Informal tribute was paid to the local surgeon at the dinner. Among those speaking of his long and remarkable career was the well known doctor and writer, Dr. John Cunningham of Boston.

There were many visitors at the hospital throuhgout the day who took advantage of the open house program and conducted tours through the building.

Visitors also enjoyed tea at the Nurses Home served from an attractively decorated tea table. The pourers were, Mrs. Reginald H. Smith, Jr., president of the Hospital Aid, Mrs. Clarence O. Hood of the board of directors, Mrs. Barnard C. Todd, treasure of the Hospital Aid, Mrs. Gordon C. Prince, chairman of the School of Nursing committee. Those who served were, Mrs. Samuel Albert, Mrs. Donald E. Brown, Mrs. Thomas McKeigue and graduate nurses. The hostesses were Miss Gertrude Mercer, assistant administrator, and Miss Gertrude Wilson, director of nurses.

May 12, 1950

INTRODUCTION TO THE FIRST ANNUAL

PEER P. JOHNSON LECTURE IN SURGERY

"SURGICAL TRENDS SINCE THE TURN OF THE CENTURY"

BY CHARLES G. MIXTER, M.D., BOSTON

Dr. and Mrs. Johnson, Dr. Mixter, Distinguished Guests and Friends of the Beverly Hospital. The occasion which brings us here together this evening is the institution of an honorary lectureship which is to be known as the Annual Peer P. Johnson Lecture in Surgery.

It was the design and hope of those friends of Dr. Johnson who established this lectureship, that the address would be given annually on Hospital Day, that a recognized leader in the science and art of surgery be chosen to present this address, and that the lecture bear Dr. Johnson's name in recognition of his many contributions to surgery.

Borrowing a custom usually associated with academic institutions was considered quite appropriate because so much of Dr. Johnson's fruitfulness is in his teaching. Education, after all, is not entirely a matter of academic walls, formal lectures and arranged curricula. As Dr. Zinser once stated, "One learns from men, not curricula."

Those of you who know Dr. Johnson very well must wonder how any group could risk Dr. Johnson's displeasure in inflicting upon him this public recognition of his achievements. I can tell you that it was with considerable temerity that the idea was approached, but as time went on, and the returns to the invitations were received with uniform expression of esteem by many who could not come tonight, we began to feel the security of numbers and believe now, that we can weather the storm.

Dr. Charles G. Mixter, distinguished son of a distinguished father, Clinical Professor-Emeritus of Surgery of the Beth-Israel Hospital in Boston, has been invited to present the first Peer P. Johnson Lecture in Surgery.

I first met Dr. Mixter nineteen years ago this Summer, when as an intern, I was privileged to be his first assistant at an operation at the Baker Memorial Hospital which began as an exploratory laparotomy and ended up as one of the earliest successful resections of the stomach for carcinoma, in a rather frail old lady, as I remember. I was too young, having just graduated from medical school, to appreciate the technical skill that I was seeing, but I can recall that it was performed with dispatch, practically singlehandedly, and I shall never forget the infinite patience he showed toward his green assistant.

I have the honor to present Dr. Mixter, the title of whose lecture is, "Trends in Surgery Since the Turn of the Century."

Richard E. Alt, M.D.

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Dr. Peer P. Johnson Dr. Max Dubin

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John W. Bethell. Dr. Melvin Goodman, Mrs. Peer P. Johnson

Left to right: Dr. Fred A. Anderson, Dr. Franc B. Ingraham,
Dr. Perry B. Hudson, Dr. John C. Cunningham, Dr. Charles G. Mixter

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Dr. Perry B. Hudson, Dr. Donald E. Brown, Dr. Peer P. Johnson, John W. Bethell

Dr. John D. Adams, Dr. Peer P. Johnson, Dr. Charles G. Mixter

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Dr. Peer P. Johnson Dr. John Cunningham

Dr. John Adams Dr. Clarence Bonner

June 1950

Members of the Earle T. Wardell Post, Unit 12, Auxillary who presented a respirator to Beverly Hospital June 30, 1950, to members of the Beverly Hospital Staff. Gertrude Mercer, Nursing Staff, Frederick Ayer, President, Board of Directors and Dr. Peer P. Johnson, Surgeon-in-Chief and Chief of Staff.

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St. Peter Square - Maderno's Fountain
Place St. Pierre - La Fontaine de Maderno

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Hello

Have had a fine trip so far, visited Padua, Lake Como, a private clinic at the new Romano "villa Margherita"

Had a fine time in Florence, that is where the I.C.S. had its meeting. There is an excellent surgeon in Florence Prof. Mangione - gastric resection 87 minutes - good result.

Sorry I am will not be in Beverly for your Day - Hope to make it Next year.

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UNIT 12 AUXILIARY GIVES RESPIRATOR TO HOSPITAL

AN ULTRA-MODERN IRON LUNG was presented to the Beverly hospital last night by members of Earle T. Wardell Post, Unit 12 Auxiliary. Pictured above are members of the unit who were in charge of the project and members of the hospital staff. Shown (left to right), Rachael Low, president of Unit 12 Auxiliary; Mary Coffin, chairman of the committee in charge; Mrs. Anna Katz, Marion Bray, both members of the committee; Miss Mercer of the nursing staff, Frederick Ayer, president of the board of directors, and Dr. Peer P. Johnson, chief of staff. (Times Staff Photo by Pelle)

Members of the Earle T. Wardell Unit 12, American Legion Auxiliary last night presented an ultra-modern Drinker-Collins respirator to the Beverly hospital.

The presentation was made by Mrs. Rachel Low, president of Unit 12 to Frederick Ayers, president of the board of trustees and to Dr Peer P. Johnson, chief of staff.

The new respirator can accommodate two children or one adult.

Unit 12, which made the presentation, was organized some 30 years ago and through the years has participated in many community projects.

The committee in charge of the recent project was composed of Mrs. Mary G. Coffin, Mrs. Marion Grey, both charter members of Unit 12 and Mrs. Rachel Low, president.

MRS. HOOD HONORED AT HOSPITAL

MRS. CLARENCE HOOD, a volunteer who works daily at the hospital despite the weather and who is today observing the 85th anniversary of her birth was honored yesterday at a party held at the hospital. Mrs. Hood has been a member of the hospital Board of Directors since 1910, has served as secretary for the group for many years and is chairman of the School of Nursing Committee. She is shown above with Dr. Peer P. Johnson, chief of staff, left, and Dr. William Gysan, minister of the First Parish Unitarian church, right. (Times Staff Photo by Crosby)

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15 WASHINGTON STREET
BEVERLY MASSACHUSETTS

August 22, 1962

My dear Mr. Slater:

I was deeply touched by a very beautiful bouquet of flowers from the employees of the hospital. I am very grateful to all of them for remembering me on this very unfortunate occasion when I add another year to my count.

I don't know exactly whom to thank for this and am asking you to pass along my appreciation and gratitude for their kindness in remembering me. I shall be indebted to you if you will help me out.

Most cordially yours,

Peter F. Johnson

Mr. Craig S. Slater
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